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OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENT: PLAYGROUND STANDARDS

Standards Australia has announced the release of the draft Playground Standard AS 4685 Parts 1 to 6 for public comment.

"The public comment process enables stakeholders to participate in the revision of this critical suite of standards for child safety," said Colin Blair, Chief Executive Officer, Standards Australia.

The standard is an adoption of the European Standard for Playground Equipment EN 1176:2008 Parts 1 to 6 with some minor deviations that take account of specific Australian safety and design requirements such as higher UV exposure.

"The adoption of this standard will allow Australian children to enjoy the health and safety benefits of being able to play in play spaces that are designed, manufactured, and installed to world's best practice," Mr Blair said.

When adopted this series of standards will allow playground equipment manufacturers in Australian and overseas to trade with reduced barriers.

"Australian children will be able to enjoy and experience a larger and more exciting range of playground equipment. It is hoped that this will encourage more children to spend more time outdoors and exercising," Mr Blair said.

The public comment period is open for submissions until 16 October 2013. For more information about the public comment process visit www.standards.org.au

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