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## AUSTRALIAN STANDARD: BITUMEN FOR PAVEMENTS

Standards Australia has released a new version of AS 2008-2013 *Bitumen for pavements*.

“This is an important revision that brings the standard up-to-date and helps ensure the safety of pedestrians and drivers,” said Dr Bronwyn Evans, Chief Executive Officer, Standards Australia.

“Pavements are something we use every day and assume are safe and durable. The rigorous testing and classification method this standard sets out for bitumen helps assure the quality of construction and maintenance of pavements, while meeting the increasing demands of road users,” said Dr Evans.

The standard sets out important safety engineering specifications for different types of bitumen and provides advice on handling and labelling of samples. This includes appropriate labelling, sample sizes, and what temperature they glue and hold together.

Dr Evans said this adds further strength to a series of standards relating to materials for road making purposes.

This Standard was prepared by the Standards Australia Committee CH-025, Bitumen and Related Products (for Roadmaking). The following organisations are represented on the committee:

- ARRB Group (Australian Road Research Board)
- Australian Asphalt Pavement Association
- Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry
- Australian Institute of Petroleum
- AUSTROADS
- Engineers Australia
- National Association of Testing Authorities Australia
- Roothing New Zealand
- Transit New Zealand

“This is an important and fundamental technical document that provides community benefit and promotes road safety,” Dr Evans concluded.

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