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IT GOVERNANCE FORUM

Standards Australia convened a panel of industry and government experts in IT Governance this week to discuss how rapid digital change can disrupt existing business practices, potentially threatening the viability of established businesses.

“The forum explored the role of the governing body in evaluating both the threats and opportunities associated with such change,” said Dr Bronwyn Evans, Chief Executive Officer, Standards Australia.

Guest speakers at the forum included **John Sheridan**, Chair of Joint Technical Committee 1 (JTC 1) Strategic Advisory Committee and Australian Government Chief Technology Officer and Procurement Coordinator, Department of Finance; **Jan Begg**, Chair of Standards Australia IT-030 ICT Governance & Management Committee; and **Vicki Allen**, Independent Director MTAA Super.

“Australia plays a leading role in the development of international governance standards for IT to help bring appropriate visibility, control, risk management, and benefits realisation to the boardroom,” Dr Evans said.

The forum followed Standards Australia’s recent publication of a significant new standard to support governance leaders to successfully guide major information technology (IT) projects, AS/NZS 8016.

“Organisations undertaking significant IT projects will find AS/NZS 8016 a fundamental document when it comes to linking governance and management,” said Dr Evans.

Dr Evans said the standard is also designed to assist members of governing bodies, who are required to evaluate business cases for major IT-related investment decisions, without having the benefit of a technology background.

Technical Committee IT-030, ICT Governance and Management, was responsible for the development of the standard.

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