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NEW STANDARDS FOR RURAL & URBAN ADDRESSING

Standards Australia has published a revised standard streamlining and clarifying the usage of street names and numbering.

“The Standard will assist emergency services, postal services, and the community at large in locating addresses,” said Colin Blair, Chief Executive Officer, Standards Australia.

The non-mandatory Australian/New Zealand Standard (AS NZS 4819-2011 Rural and urban addressing) provides guidance for authorities in assigning addresses, naming roads and localities, signage usage, recording and mapping information.

Mr Blair said that the type of road name chosen should be selected from a defined list, and should reflect whether the road is a through road, a cul-de-sac, or primarily for pedestrian use. Various road types have been defined with certain characteristics:

- Avenue: Broad roadway, usually planted on each side with trees
- Boulevard: Wide roadway, well paved, usually ornamented with trees and grass plots
- Esplanade: Level roadway, often along the seaside, lake or a river.
- Lane: Narrow way between walls, buildings or a narrow country or city roadway.
- Promenade: Roadway like an avenue with plenty of facilities for the public to take a leisurely walk, a public place for walking.
- Street: Public roadway in a town, city or urban area, especially a paved thoroughfare with footpaths and buildings along one or both sides.

The Australian/New Zealand committee responsible for revising the Standard comprised local government authorities, mapping and land title offices, and postal services.

The Standard also outlines requirements for sub-addressing on multi-level buildings, so that numbers in multi-level buildings shall use the same system commonly used in hotels, where “207” means the address is on the second floor.

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