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Neil Bibby, the Chief Executive Officer of the Country Fire Authority (CFA) in Victoria talks about the importance of risk management in fire fighting.

“In addition to the ever present risk of fire in buildings, Victoria is reputed to be the area with the highest bushfire risk in the world.

“AS/NZS 4360, the Australian Standard for risk management is a highly valuable tool to assist the CFA in its onerous task of preventing, controlling and minimising the risk to life and property due to fire throughout Victoria.

“While the Standard was initiated by the desire to better manage risk in the building industry it is not industry specific and has very wide application for any activity or process in any organisation.

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“It has had a particular impact in important areas such as corporate governance, occupational health and safety and emergency management. The CFA has used it widely in these areas and specifically in tasks such as asset management in decisions to locate and build fire stations and design of efficient and effective fire prevention plans taking into account variations in risk due to climatic and demographic changes.

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~ Corporate governance
~ Asset management