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REVISED STANDARD: RESIDENTIAL SLABS AND FOOTINGS

Standards Australia has announced key changes to the revised Standard for Residential Slabs and Footings (AS2870) following an extensive stakeholder review.

The revised Standard will:

- Place more emphasis on description and specification of the design and construction requirements necessary to limit the occurrence of abnormal moisture conditions
- Provide extensive advice on design and construction to minimise the effects of aggressive soils, including highly saline soils and acid sulphate soils.
- Be extended to include informative appendices on deep footing systems and design for particular tree effects.

Standards Australia will be conducting seminars at participating universities to provide detailed technical advice. The seminars will be relevant for engineers, project and maintenance managers, local and state government staff, concrete suppliers, repair contractors, suppliers and builders.

- Monday, 7 February - Sydney
- Tuesday, 8 February - Brisbane
- Wednesday, 9 February - Melbourne
- Thursday, 10 February - Hobart
- Monday, 14 February - Perth
- Tuesday, 15 February - Adelaide

For further event information and registration visit:

<http://www.gsb.uts.edu.au/edu/ASSeminar2870.html>

Standards Australia CEO Colin Blair encouraged interested parties to hear first-hand the latest technical changes to this critical document.

“After significant stakeholder consultation we believe the revised Standard should significantly improve housing stock quality and performance,” Mr Blair concluded.

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