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## OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

### REVISED STANDARD ON RURAL & URBAN ADDRESSING

A draft revised Standard on rural and urban addressing is now open for public comment according to Standards Australia.

“The purpose of the revision is to provide instructions for assigning addresses that can be readily and unambiguously identified and located,” said Colin Blair, Chief Executive Officer, Standards Australia.

“Reliable and readily understandable addresses are critical for emergency services, postal services and the community at large,” Mr Blair said.

“The Standard is not mandatory or retrospective, but will be far-reaching. It identifies key areas for improvement and clarification. Jurisdictions will be expecting a high level of conformance from local councils,” Mr Blair said.

Mr Blair said the Standard establishes requirements and guidance for addressing authorities to use for assigning addresses; naming roads and localities; recording and mapping the related information; and related signage issues.

The draft revised Standard aims to keep addresses as simple as possible. Significant proposed changes include:

- Water based addressing is covered specifically;
- Addressing of complex sites is simplified;
- New method for sub addressing on multi-level buildings is specified;
- Road types must be selected from a list.

The Standard outlines key specifications to assist in the clarification of commonly misinterpreted areas of addressing:

#### Road naming

- The type of road name chosen must be selected from a limited list, and should reflect whether the road is a through road, a cul-de-sac, or primarily for pedestrian use.
- Requires all publicly accessible formed roads to be named, including those on private land.
- A short cul-de-sac or private road with five or less address sites may be treated as a simple driveway and address numbers assigned to the road onto which the cul-de-sac connects.

## **Water based addressing**

- Many address sites within Australia are routinely accessed by water, rather than road, so specific provisions for assigning addresses in these cases have been outlined.

## **Address number suffixes**

- Suffixes on address numbers (as in “37B”) are limited to the five letters A – E.

## **Sub-addressing on multi-level buildings**

- Sub-address numbers in multi-level buildings shall use the same system commonly used in hotels, where “207” means the address is on the second floor.

The Joint Australian New Zealand Standard is intended primarily for use by those agencies that are responsible for addressing – usually local governments. Parts of the Standard should also be used by developers where the addressing authorities enable them to propose addresses and name roads.

Mr Blair said the committee responsible for the Standard comprises mapping and land title offices, postal services and other key stakeholders.

The public comment process closes on 10 June 2011. More information is available at [www.standards.org.au](http://www.standards.org.au)

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