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STANDARDS AUSTRALIA ANNOUNCES SMART GRID ROAD MAP

The Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism has commissioned Standards Australia to initiate the delivery of a Smart Grid Standards Roadmap.

“Smart Grids use two way communications technology to improve the economic and energy efficiency of the electricity networks and improve sustainability outcomes,” said Colin Blair, Chief Executive, Standards Australia.

Mr Blair said work will shortly commence on the formation of a Government and Industry-based Smart Grid working group.

“Smart Grids represent a new frontier for cities and major centres as they grapple with the need for greater energy efficiency, and the development of Smart Grid standards will play a critical role in providing some of the answers.

“Consumers are increasingly aware of energy prices and are therefore more concerned about measures which can help manage household energy usage,” Mr Blair said.

Mr Blair said the objective of the standards scoping study is to determine the current state of play of smart grid technologies in the Australian marketplace and the potential role of Australian Standards.

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