

# MEDIA RELEASE



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## FUTURE OF ELECTRIC VEHICLES FORUM

The pre-eminent minds in electric vehicle technology will today gather as part of a forum hosted by Standards Australia. The forum will coincide with the 75<sup>th</sup> General Meeting of the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) in Melbourne.

“There’s great commitment across industry and government to ensure that Australia leads the way in electric vehicle technology,” said Colin Blair, Chief Executive Officer, Standards Australia.

“This gathering demonstrates how motivated industry stakeholders are to see a robust standards development process to underpin industry development,” Mr Blair said.

Expert panellists include:

**Dr Bernhard Thies**

Chairman, DKE Deutsche Kommission  
*Mobility – Strategy and approach of IEC*

**Mr Kristian Handberg**

Project Manager – Low Emission Vehicles  
Department of Transport  
*Victorian Electric Vehicle Trial*

**Ms Ziva Patir**

Global VP, International Standardisation  
Better Place  
*International Standards to Drive the World Electric & Sustainable*

**Mr Mark McKenzie**

Chair, Australian Electric Vehicle Technical Committee  
*Australian Update on Electric Vehicles Standards Development*

“There’s a significant role for major industry players, government and stakeholders to work towards common goals and objectives for standardisation to support industry advancement,” Mr Blair said.

“There is significant scope for the development of standards to support electric vehicle industry development. This means exploring the application of standards across areas such as charging stations, vehicle design and safety.

“We see international alignment as fundamental to the advancement of the domestic electric vehicle industry,” Mr Blair said.

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