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STANDARDS AUSTRALIA HOSTS TECHNICAL MANAGEMENT BOARD

Sydney: Standards Australia will this week host the International Organization for Standardization's (ISO) Technical Management Board.

"The Technical Management Board has a fundamental role in the operation, coordination, strategic planning, and programming of the technical work of the ISO," said Adrian O'Connell, Australia's Member of the Technical Management Board.

"It examines proposals for new fields of ISO technical activity and decides on all matters concerning the establishment and dissolution of technical committees. It has a critical agenda-setting role for international standardization," Mr O'Connell said.

"Australian participation in international standardization is critical to our success as a modern and competitive economy in a globally connected marketplace," Mr O'Connell said.

Mr O'Connell said the meeting supported Australia's leadership role in international standardization.

"International standardization is where, increasingly, the rules of trade and exchange are being developed. Standards are fundamental to supporting innovation, productivity, and interoperability between systems and products.

"Australian participation on the Technical Management Board of the ISO gives us a seat at the table where the rules of international trade are being shaped and decided," Mr O'Connell concluded.

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