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Australian appointed as Vice-President (Finance) of International Organization for Standardization (ISO)

Standards Australia CEO, Dr Bronwyn Evans, has been appointed Vice-President (Finance) of International Organization for Standardization (ISO), the world's largest developer of international standards made up of members from the national standards bodies of 163 countries.

Dr Bronwyn Evans said that the appointment reinforces Australia's leading role internationally at technical, governance and policy levels.

"This demonstrates Australia's leadership position globally as a key contributor to international standards, supports industry and trade policy and strengthens links in the international standards setting system.

"ISO international standards can remove barriers to world trade by providing the technical basis on which political trade agreements can be put into practice, whether they are at the regional or international level.

"Standards Australia has already positioned Australia as a leading standards organisation with Australia driving world-first projects, like blockchain standards," said Dr Evans.

President-elect of ISO and CEO of Standards Council of Canada, John Walter, said he is pleased to welcome the expertise of Dr Bronwyn Evans' standing to the ISO team.

"She will have an important contribution to make in terms of competitiveness, innovation and productivity, said Mr Walter.

Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science, The Hon Greg Hunt MP, has welcomed the appointment.

"Standards are vital technical infrastructure in any advanced economy, ensuring the safety and quality of products and services, facilitating international trade and improving the environment in which we live in.

"This two year term as one of the ISO governance and policy leaders further embeds Australia's role as an innovative economy in the global context," said Mr Hunt.

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