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## **Hoverboard standard published to address safety issues**

Today, a new Australian and New Zealand standard for hoverboards was published: AS/NZS 60335.2.201-2016, *Household and similar electrical appliances – Safety – Part 2.201: Particular requirements for battery powered self-balancing personal transport devices*.

In recent years battery powered self-balancing personal transport devices, otherwise known as hoverboards, have grown in popularity across the world.

AS/NZS 60335.2.201-2016 provides clarity to suppliers, manufacturers and regulators to help ensure the safety of products sold on the Australian market.

Director of Energy Safety for Energy Safe Victoria, Paul Fearon, said he was pleased at the prompt development of this standard following the emergence of safety issues late last year.

“The rapid development and release of new technologies presents challenges for regulators around the world, but the publication of this new standard sets a benchmark for a timely, coordinated response.

“Through the joint Australian and New Zealand standards process, Australian and New Zealand regulators have worked together with industry and the community to lead the world in responding to the safety issues presented by this new technology.

“The successful publication of this standard, which is now being discussed and earmarked for adoption at an international level, proves that the standards process can keep pace with the rapid advances in technology,” said Mr Fearon.

Standards Australia CEO Dr Bronwyn Evans added that “the good use of standards plays a key role when it comes to the safety of products and services.”

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