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Release of Roadmap for Energy Storage Standards

Today Standards Australia announces the completion of a <u>Roadmap for Energy Storage Standards</u>. The Roadmap report sets out the areas of priority for standards development to support the roll-out of energy storage systems in Australia.

The report was developed through a consultative process and contains an action plan for energy storage systems standards. It outlines the need for standards covering:

- Installation;
- Product safety, and;
- Product performance.

The Roadmap supports increased international participation in standards development, resulting in greater harmonisation with International Standards that can lead to improved facilitation of trade.

The Roadmap report was developed through two rounds of public consultation and an industry forum held in August 2016. The forum brought industry, consumer and government stakeholders together to express priorities for energy storage standards both in the short to medium term.

The Hon Josh Frydenberg MP, Minister for the Environment and Energy and Chair of the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) Energy Council explained how standards are an important enabler for the effective roll-out of energy storage systems in Australia.

"The Energy Storage Standards Roadmap will support the COAG Energy Council's commitment to ensuring regulatory frameworks facilitate the safe installation, connection, maintenance and operation of batteries. This Roadmap is an important step forward in enabling the uptake of this emerging technology to support a transforming energy market," said Minister Frydenberg.

Standards Australia CEO Dr Bronwyn Evans explained how standards will support energy storage systems, both now and in the future.

"With rapid changes across all parts of the sector, it is important that we lay the right foundations and this includes having the right standards to assist innovation and support good infrastructure. It is imperative that technologies such as storage systems are safely, reliably and efficiently managed through a collaborative approach to standardisation," said Dr Evans.

The Roadmap was developed with the support of the COAG Energy Council, with a number of other interest groups and stakeholders contributing to the consultation process.

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