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Australia holds positions on several key international governance groups, including **ISO's Technical Management Board (TMB)** and **IEC's Standardization Management Board (SMB), Conformity Assessment Board (CAB), Business Advisory Committee (BAC)** and **IEC Board (IB)**. These positions give Australia a voice on the policy, operational and strategic direction of ISO and IEC.

1. ISO/TMB and IEC/SMB Joint Meeting – June 2026

The joint meeting of the IEC Standardization Management Board (SMB) and the ISO Technical Management Board (TMB), held in Madrid on 24–25 June 2026, brought together international standards leaders to strengthen collaboration across the IEC and ISO systems and to address strategic issues affecting the future of global standardization. Discussions focused on improving coordination between organizations, advancing joint work programmes, and ensuring standards continue to support emerging technologies, sustainability objectives and international trade. The meeting also reinforced the importance of effective governance, technical cooperation and stakeholder engagement in delivering agile, high-quality standards that meet evolving market and societal needs. Standards Australia's participation in these discussions helps ensure Australian perspectives contribute to the development of internationally aligned standards that support innovation, economic growth and global competitiveness.

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2. Online Standards Development (OSD) training offerings from IEC and ISO

IEC is hosting monthly onboarding sessions for OSD users. These sessions are ideal for anyone involved in a TC, SC, SyC, WG, PT or MT, whether you are new to OSD or would like to gain a better understanding of specific features and processes.

Session Overview

10-minute OSD walkthrough

- Getting started with OSD
- Key authoring and commenting features
- Understanding roles and permissions (Leaders vs Authors)
- Where to find additional help and support

50-minute open Q&A with IEC staff Topics may include:

- Managing projects in OSD in accordance with the *ISO/IEC Directives, Part 1*
- Authoring content in OSD using the *ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2*
- Practical, procedural and technical questions related to OSD

We encourage participants to bring their questions and make the most of this opportunity to learn directly from IEC staff.

To register your interest and view upcoming sessions, visit the [OSD TCs sessions](#) page.

Additional Learning Resources

ISO also provides a range of bite-sized training recordings tailored to specific roles and stages of the publication process. Explore the available resources here: [Training & sandbox - ISO Helpdesk Knowledge Base](#)

3. Upcoming Publication of a single aligned edition of the ISO/IEC Directives Part 1

ISO and IEC are finalizing the alignment of their rules and procedures. A single, aligned edition of the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 1 will be published on 1 July 2026 and will enter into force on 5 October 2026.

This edition will replace the current ISO/IEC Directives, Part 1, along with the ISO, IEC and JTC 1 supplements, and will serve as the single reference for the development of International Standards and related documents. It establishes one common set of rules across ISO and IEC, simplifying the system, removing inconsistencies, and providing a clearer and more coherent framework for committees.

A preview of the most significant changes is attached. It highlights the key updates and explains their practical implications in a simplified manner ahead of publication.

Introductory webinars will be held shortly after publication to present the main changes and answer questions:

- Session 1 (ISO community): 7 July, 15:00 UTC
- Session 2 (ISO community): 9 July, 7:00 UTC

Registration details are available:

Session 1: <https://iso.zoom.us/meeting/register/9GGgUAurS-ehvraY-RbJMA>

Session 2: <https://iso.zoom.us/meeting/register/RYWEEVKxRDmQbkyu5kwwqg>

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1. New proposal to establish an ISO Technical Committee on Civil and structural design of tunnels (TS/P 334)

A proposal to establish a new ISO technical committee on "Civil and structural design of tunnels" has been submitted by SA (Standards Australia).

The scope of the proposal is the following:

This committee standardises the civil and structural design of tunnels and associated underground structures in soil and rock where they are integral to tunnel infrastructure. It covers tunnel-specific design interfaces including geotechnical design inputs, groundwater design actions and responses, ground reinforcement, structural linings, durability, ground-structure interaction, and the assessment and retrofitting of existing tunnels. Special cases such as immersed tunnels, cross passages forming part of tunnel systems, and underground stations may be considered only where the work concerns tunnel-specific civil and structural design and does not duplicate the remit of existing ISO or IEC committees. The committee is intended to provide a coherent framework for tunnel infrastructure performance, safety, durability, resilience and functionality, while recognising applicable existing standards for materials, systems, operations and environmental matters.

Voting on this proposal closes on 21 August 2026.

Standards Australia will be hosting information sessions on 16 and 17 July for a chance for both Australian and International contributors to ask any questions regarding the proposal.

If you would like information regarding the information sessions details, or have any questions related to the above update, please contact intsect@standards.org.au

2. Australian stakeholders invited to comment on the draft international net zero standard - ISO 14060 – Net Zero Aligned Organizations

Australia's National Mirror committee EV-021-07, is seeking feedback from Australian stakeholders on the Draft International Standard (DIS) ISO 14060, Net Zero Aligned Organizations.

The proposed standard is intended to provide organisations with a globally recognised framework for developing, implementing and communicating net zero strategies. It is being developed through the international standards process and is expected to play an important role in supporting credible and transparent climate action by organisations worldwide.

Organisations across all sectors are facing increasing expectations from customers, investors, regulators and the community to demonstrate progress towards net zero. At the same time, there is growing demand for greater consistency and transparency in how net zero commitments are defined, measured and reported. ISO 14060 seeks to address this need by providing an internationally agreed framework for organisational net zero transition planning, implementation and reporting.

Australian stakeholders are invited to provide feedback to help inform Australia's position and comments on the draft which will be determined by EV-021-07.

Please email customer.success@standards.org.au for further information on the consultation process.

3. Webinar on climate action in ISO and Celebrating the London Declaration's 5-year anniversary

In 2021, ISO members adopted a historic commitment to support global climate action through International Standards. Five years on, this commitment has moved beyond intent. Climate considerations are now embedded across the ISO standards development system, shaping how standards are developed, revised and applied in practice. What began as a collective pledge has become a system-level transformation: positioning climate as a core element of standards development and a fundamental part of ISO's contribution to global sustainability goals.

This webinar will address two key areas:

1. Celebration of the 5-year anniversary: - The technical community will gain a clear understanding of the London Declaration achievements and impacts to date changes that the TMB London Declaration Action Plan brought, and next steps.

2. Peer to peer learning via committee case studies: - The technical community will be informed of the outcomes of the TC survey to understand the progress being made within the TCs. - The technical community will be equipped to engage with and support the objectives of the London Declaration.

Register here [Webinar Registration - Zoom](#)

Please note that places are limited. Priority will be given to participants holding leadership roles within the ISO system, including chairpersons, committee managers, and working group convenors. The webinar will be recorded, and the recording as well as a Q&A document will be made available afterwards to ensure broad access for all interested members of the ISO community.

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1. IEC Guide for Energy Flexibility in the All-Electric and Connected Society (AECS) - IEC Academy Webinar

The global energy transition is accelerating through decarbonization, electrification, and digitalization. As renewable energy, distributed energy resources, energy storage, electric mobility, and smart infrastructure become increasingly interconnected, energy flexibility is emerging as a key enabler for maintaining system reliability, resilience, and efficiency.

This webinar will explore the role of energy flexibility in supporting the vision of an All-Electric and Connected Society (AECS), where electricity, digital technologies, and interoperable systems work together across sectors. Participants will gain insights into the challenges and opportunities associated with integrating variable renewable energy, increasing electrification, and enhancing system coordination.

The session will also introduce the new IEC Guide for Energy Flexibility, currently under development, and the newly launched Open Forum initiative. It aims to raise awareness of the new IEC Guide, present its scope and objectives, and encourage stakeholder engagement through discussion, feedback, and exchange of perspectives to support its development.

20 July 2026 (06:30 - 08:00 UTC)

20 July 2026 (12:30 - 14:00 UTC)

Register here [Webinar Registration - Zoom](#)

What is energy flexibility and why do we need it? [Read the introduction paper here.](#)

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2. IEC highlights standards role in tackling e-waste and supporting circularity

With global e-waste volumes continuing to rise, the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) is drawing attention to the critical role that standards can play in supporting a more circular economy. In a recent article published on 19 June 2026, the IEC highlighted the environmental and human health impacts associated with poorly managed electronic waste and the growing importance of international standards in addressing these challenges.

The IEC notes that billions of electronic products enter the market each year, while only a fraction of the world's e-waste is formally recycled. Improper disposal and informal processing can release hazardous substances into the environment and expose workers and communities to significant health risks. At the same time, many discarded products contain valuable materials that can be recovered, reused or repurposed, helping to reduce waste and support resource efficiency.

To support this transition, the IEC is advancing standards and conformity assessment solutions that promote circular economy principles, including environmentally conscious design, responsible management of hazardous substances and approaches that extend the useful life of products and components. The organization also highlighted the work of IEC Technical Committee 111, which develops standards addressing the environmental aspects of electrotechnical products and systems, as well as the IEC Advisory Committee on Environmental Aspects (ACEA), which helps ensure environmental considerations are incorporated across IEC technical work.

For Standards Australia stakeholders, the IEC's work highlights the growing importance of international standardization in enabling circular economy outcomes, supporting sustainable product design and helping industry navigate an increasingly complex global regulatory landscape.

Read more [here](#)

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3. The potential of small hydro

As Australia accelerates its transition to renewable energy, small and micro-hydropower systems are gaining attention as a practical way to deliver reliable, low-emissions electricity, particularly in regional and remote communities. Unlike large hydroelectric dams, these smaller “run-of-river” installations can generate power with a much lower environmental footprint and reduced upfront costs, while also helping to balance renewable energy sources such as solar and wind. With many rural areas located near rivers, irrigation channels or existing water infrastructure, small hydropower could complement Australia's growing clean energy mix and improve energy resilience in off-grid locations. Internationally, the technology is being used to expand energy access in developing regions, and ongoing international standards development is helping ensure these systems are safe, efficient and fit for wider adoption. As demand for flexible renewable solutions grows, small hydropower may offer Australia another valuable tool in achieving its net-zero ambitions.

Read more [here](#)

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