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Consultation (105957) – New Joint Standards Australia and Standards New Zealand project

1. The New Zealand Telecommunications Forum (known as the TCF) is the telecommunications sector's industry body and has a vital role in bringing together the telecommunications industry and key stakeholders to resolve regulatory, technical and policy issues for the benefit of the sector and consumers. Its members represent 95% of the sector.
2. While adherence to Standards New Zealand standards are not mandatory for telecommunications cabling in New Zealand, the AS/NZS 3085.1:2004 is currently referenced in the TCF Premises Wiring Guidelines for Cable Installers (the Guidelines). Given the commonality of the Australian and New Zealand Telecommunications Industries the TCF supports that idea of joint standards. However, in this case, five of the six parts of AS/NZS 3085.1:2004 are not currently a joint standard. The remaining Part 6 of the standard is of limited relevance to the NZ Telecommunications industry. Consequently, the TCF recommends that MBIE identifies a more appropriate organisation to sponsor New Zealand Standards involvement to ensure that the project is not de-jointed.
3. CT-001 Committee Membership: The TCF would like to participate in the CT-001 Communications Cabling joint Australian New Zealand standards development committee and appreciates Standards New Zealand facilitating this process for the TCF.
4. Thank you for providing the TCF with the opportunity to consider representation and involvement in the joint standards Australia and New Zealand project. I look forward to discussing further TCF involvement on the project committee.

Yours sincerely

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Geoff Thorn
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