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## **SUBMISSION**

### **Re: Availability of Standards to the Industry**

Does the government and Standards Australia understand the level of resentment within the building industry that exists towards the provision of standards documents.

I pass on to the enquiry the following observations held by colleagues within the building industry:

- The attitude of industry is that a monopoly has been allowed to be established through Standards and that that monopoly is rorted at the reasonable expense of industry members
- That documents are unnecessarily amended.
- That it should be made more widely known that Standards is a private company and not an arm of government: therefore information presented by Standards is arbitrarily imposed upon the community unless it is nominated in relevant government documents
- That constantly changing standards are unsettling, unnecessary and expensive with little benefit often achieved by the imposed changes
- Industry is impatient with the status quo
- That Standards exploits the industry for its own gain
- That limits must be placed on obvious profit-taking
- Profits should be shared back into the industry.
- The functioning of Standards should come under greater government and industry control
- All information mandated for release to the public by the government should be free of charge as per existing legislation
- That the provision of information for a fee to the community via Standards is illegal and that industry should mount a challenge to the ensure stable information flow and cost effectiveness in the dissemination of standards.

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