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## RISSB Standards

On 28 July 2007 the RISSB was accredited by Standards Australia as a Standards Development Organisation (SDO). This means that Standards which commenced development after this date would be promulgated as Australian Standards.

The following suite of RISSB standards commenced development before 28 July 2007 not as Australian standards because the RISSB was not an accredited SDO when their development commenced, despite the fact that the process used to produce these standards is almost identical to the current development process. The suite of standards are:

- AS 7505 (Roll 05) Signalling Detection Behaviour
- AS 7507 (Roll 07) Rolling Stock Outlines
- AS 7508 (Roll 08) Track Forces & Stresses
- AS 7509 (Roll 09) Dynamic Behaviour
- AS 7511 (Roll 11) Driver Supervisory Systems
- AS 7514 (Roll 14) Wheels
- AS 7519 (Roll 19) Bogie Structural Requirements
- AS 7522 (Roll 22) Access & Egress.

Each set of RISSB rolling stock standards typically has four parts that deal with locomotives, freight, passenger and infrastructure maintenance rolling stock. As a consequence there will be 31 individual standards produced from the above list.

There are two differences between the old and new RISSB standards development process. Firstly the new process includes an independent advisory board to check on the standard development process (not content); this was previously done by one of the RISSB's Standing Committees. Secondly the composition of the Standards Development Group has been widened to include specific major and minor stakeholders for each set of standards, rather than a consistent group for all standards.

Because of the robust process that RISSB follows in developing its standards, Standards Australia has provided its 'in principle' support to convert the RISSB standards (noted above) to Australian standards providing there is no opposition to the proposal from the Rail Industry and the Public. Importantly this proposal focuses on the process of standards development, not the technical content of the standards.

A similar request was made on 19 Oct 07 when the RISSB sought endorsement from the Industry and the Public to convert 16 RISSB rolling stock standards to Australian Standards which had already been promulgated. The feedback received was all positive and these 16 standards were subsequently converted to Australian Standards.

Comment is therefore requested by 15 February 2008 from those in the Rail Industry and the Public who are opposed to the 31 draft RISSB rolling stock standards being promulgated as Australian standards. Comments should be sent to the General Manager - RISSB, Kevin Taylor, his email address is [ktaylor@rissb.com.au](mailto:ktaylor@rissb.com.au)

### **RDS 7512 Exterior Environment**

The rolling stock standards for Exterior Environment are about to commence development.

These standards will be covering issues such as:

- environmental legislation;
- noise and vibration;
- exhaust emissions; and
- waste and spillage from rolling stock.

Any organisation wishing to be a part of the Development Group should contact either: Steven Rykers: [steven.rykers@qr.com.au](mailto:steven.rykers@qr.com.au) or Kevin Taylor: [ktaylor@rissb.com.au](mailto:ktaylor@rissb.com.au) by 15 February 2008.

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