



# National Symposium on GFRP Bars

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# Agenda

- Who we are
- Iconic structures & standards
- Process and lifecycle of standards
- How you can get involved
- NEXTGen program
- Proposal info

# Who we are

*Celebrating*  
**100 YEARS**  
*1922 - 2022*



- National Standards Development - industry-led program of work
- International Participation - ISO and IEC
- Accreditation of standards development organisations

# Iconic Structures



# What drives standards development?

Policy

Market need

New product  
developments

Regulatory  
changes

# Standards development lifecycle



# How can you participate in standards?



Proposals



Technical  
Committees

Working Groups



Public Comment

# New Proposal system





# New Public Comment system

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BOOTCAMP

NEXTgen

NEXTgen  
LEADERS

10 month professional development program for up and coming industry professionals to learn more about the standardisation process

Opportunity to get involved with a for-purpose organisation

Runs annually from August – May

- Applications are open from May – June each year
- Open to 25 individuals
- Participants take part in full day workshops and smaller webinars detailing how committees work, how to write a standard, how to build a personal brand
- Each participant has a personalised mentor to provide an insider's view
- Networking opportunities
- Direct exposure to committees in their field of expertise



Blake Mortimer

*"Working as an Engineering Support Manager for Daikin Australia, I refer to standards daily to carry out my job. After attending several industry nominating group meetings, I developed a keen interest to understand the process as to how standards are developed and why. After completing the NEXTgen Program, I now have a better understanding of that process and can better interpret the standards I work with. I plan to put my knowledge to use in the Australian Standards committee I have recently joined."*

# Proposal Process

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# Key Quality Criteria for a Project Proposal



Need for  
the work



Scope



Net  
Benefit



Stakeholder  
Support



# Need for the work



- 1 Evidence of the current problem
- 2 How will the proposal solve the problem?
- 3 What are the consequences of no action?
- 4 Is there a need to adopt an international Standard?



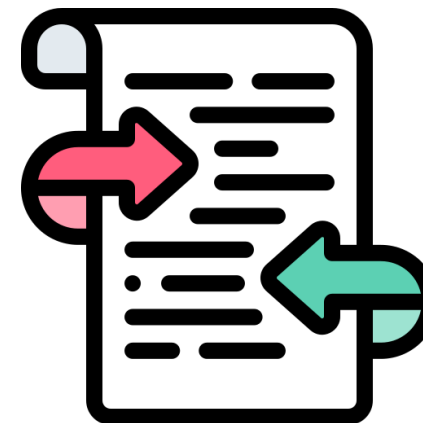
# Need for the work

1. Corrosion of steel reinforcing bar is a problem in concrete structures
2. This problem may be exacerbated due to rising temperatures
3. FRP bars have high-tensile strength, non-corrodible, lightweight
4. Unkown performance and properties of FRP bars in Australia – standard will ensure a level of consistency and structural quality of these bars

# Scope



New  
Standard



Existing  
Standard

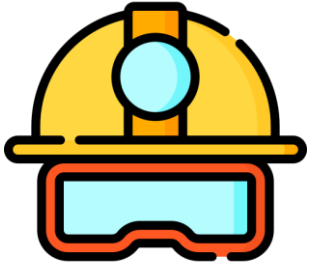


# Scope

- Preface
- Introduction
- Scope
- Normative References
- Terms and definitions
- Notation
- Classification and designation
- Manufacturing methods
- Material, mechanical, and geometric requirements
- Quality of finished bar
- Demonstrating product conformity
- Product marking/identification for QA purposes
- Identification and certificates
- Appendices
- Bibliography



# Net Benefit



Public Health  
and Safety



Social and  
Community Impact



Environmental  
impact



Competition



Economic  
Impact



# Net Benefit

## Public Health & Safety

- FRP bar standard should result in safe, reliable infrastructure used by millions of people  
= positive impact to public health & safety
- FRP bars eliminate corrosion which eventually causes failures in structures, representing a clear public health & safety hazard

## Social & Community

- Designers, engineers, manufacturers, suppliers and others will be more confident with a specific standard on FRP bars
- FRP bars ensuring infrastructure is resilient = benefit to Australian communities

# Net Benefit - continued

## Environment

- Smaller carbon footprint than steel bars
- Increased durability = longer design life of concrete structures


## Competition

- FRP bars have high degree of variability – FRP bar standard = consistency
- Consistency in Aus. market = levelling the playing field among manufacturers/suppliers

## Economy

- The use of FRP bars in infrastructure can contribute to longer service life of public infrastructure
- Australia spent \$460 million AUD on bridge maintenance and rehabilitation in 2009-10. The use of FRP bars in public infrastructure could potentially lower that cost

# Stakeholder Support



Government Organisations



Consumer and Community Interests



Employer Representative Bodies



Industry, Professional and Technical Associations




Manufacturers, Importers and Suppliers




Regulatory and Controlling Bodies



Research & Academic Organisations



Testing Bodies



User and Purchasing Bodies



Unions and Employees



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# Questions

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