

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Portable and Mobile Equipment Technical Advisory Committee (TAC/3/7)

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TAC/3/7 has interests in:

- Portable and wheeled fire extinguishers;
- Fire blankets;
- Fire hose reels;
- Fire hoses and lay-flat delivery fire hoses;
- Miscellaneous portable and mobile fire equipment

This committee supports the development of Australian Standards and government regulations governing the manufacture, installation and maintenance of the above equipment.

The committee has played an important role in lobbying Commonwealth Government regulators to keep the minimum design and performance specifications for portable fire extinguishers intended to be sold in Australia. This includes the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission's *Mandatory Standard for Portable Fire Extinguishers*.

TAC/3/7 also prepares documentation to assist in the correct selection and use of portable fire extinguishers as well as assisting in the development of training materials and programs for those that install, inspect and maintain portable fire fighting equipment.

TAC/3/7 has direct links to Standards Australia's FP-003 - *Fire Extinguishers* and FP-007 - *Fire Hose Reels* committees and has been actively involved in the development of Australian Standards, such as the AS/NZS 1221, AS/NZS 1841, AS 1851, AS 2441 and AS 2444.

Key Functions:

- Be aware of all legislation, regulations, codes, Australian Standards, and other publications that relate to portable and mobile equipment.
- Provide input into the development of Australian Standards relating to portable and mobile equipment.
- Provide guidance on technical, application and matters related to portable and mobile equipment to FPA Australia, TACs and SIGs.
- Review FPA Australia's relevant educational material and recommend the development of supporting documents (e.g. a data sheet) when the need is identified.
- Assist with the preparation of articles for publications such as FireTalk and the Fire Australia Journal on matters relating to portable and mobile equipment.
- Report to NTAC on key issues, recommendations, and request advice.

Secondary Roles:

- Promote the flow of information related to standards for portable and mobile equipment to FPA Australia members.
- Provide a forum to bring members with allied interest together.
- Work cooperatively with relevant external groups.
- Provide information about seminars and conferences relative to the industry, which should be considered by the Board.
- Run seminars or workshops on subjects of interest to FPA Australia members.

Interrelationships:

- FPA Australia Head Office
- National Technical Advisory Committee (NTAC)
- TAC/1 Maintenance of Fire Protection Equipment
- TAC/11 Special Hazard Protection Systems
- FP-001 Maintenance of Fire Protection Equipment
- FP-003 Fire Extinguishers
- FP-007 Fire Hose Reels
- EV-012 Gas Recovery Equipment
- CSIRO
- ABCB
- ACCC (on their mandatory fire extinguisher standard)
- Fire Protection Industry (ODS & SGG) Board

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