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**THE AUSTRALIAN BUSHFIRE STANDARD – AS 3959-2009
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The Victorian Government requested Standards Australia's assistance in fast tracking AS3959-2009 publication the third edition of the Bushfire Standard and they in turn enacted the Standard into their legislation on 11 March 2009. As a direct result of the recent Victorian bushfires.

A further meeting has been scheduled by Standards Australia to be held on 23rd April 2009 which will address further work identified in this third edition. The fourth edition of AS3959 will address the results of ongoing research into bushfire events and the input resulting from the recent bushfires in Victoria and the recommendations and findings from the Royal Commission. The interim report from the commission is scheduled to be released on 17th August 2009 and the final report will not be until 31st July 2010. Submissions to the commission close on Monday 18th May 2009 at 4.00pm.

The Building Commission is conducting seminars across regional Victoria to acquaint builders, consultants and architects with the changes as a result of the enactment of the Standard. The comments resulting from these seminars will be forwarded to the Bush Fire committee for consideration.