

Information on Communications Alliance Working Committees



WC80 : Customer cabling installation and cabling products Working Committee

Please note: EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR THIS WORKING COMMITTEE MUST BE RECEIVED BY 5.00 PM, 7 June 2017

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1 About Communications Alliance

Communications Alliance is the primary telecommunications industry body in Australia. Its membership is drawn from a wide cross-section of the communications industry, including carriers, carriage and internet service providers, content providers, search engines, equipment vendors, IT companies, consultants and business groups.

Its vision is to provide a unified voice for the telecommunications industry and to lead it into the next generation of converging networks, technologies and services. The prime mission of Communications Alliance is to promote the growth of the Australian communications industry and the protection of consumer interests by fostering the highest standards of business ethics and behaviour through industry self-governance.

For more details about Communications Alliance, see <http://www.commsalliance.com.au>.

2 Communications Alliance Working Committees

Each Communications Alliance Working Committee is directly responsible for the content of specific work assigned to it, such as the drafting of Standards, Industry Codes and Guidelines. Working Committees are established to perform an area of work identified by the relevant Reference Panel or Advisory Group.

Working Committees will meet regularly and are required to provide progress reports. Members would be expected to contribute substantial time outside formal Working Committee meetings.

Working Committees are established for the duration of a specific task and are disbanded once the task is completed. Members are selected to provide effective representation of the industry and community sectors relevant to the Committee's subject area. For example, a Customer Equipment Standard can only deal with issues pertaining to sections of the industry which have the opportunity to input into its development.

3 Terms of Reference of the WC80 : Customer cabling installation and cabling products Working Committee

The **WC80 : Customer cabling installation and cabling products** Working Committee has been established to perform an area of work identified by the Customer Equipment and Cable Reference Panel (CECRP). This Committee in carrying out the specific terms below is to observe the following guidelines, as appropriate:

- to ensure that all existing and new mandatory requirements are consistent with ACMA's power to make technical standards under s376 of the *Telecommunications Act 1997* and that their inclusion is appropriate when considering those powers.
- to adopt international/overseas Standards and Australian Standards (AS and AS/NZS) wherever possible, recognising the changeability, applicability and testability of those Standards.
- to only develop mandatory requirements where no international/overseas Standards or Australian Standards (AS and AS/NZS) exist or where national deviations to international/overseas Standards and Australian Standards are required.
- to review the references to AS/CA Standards and other industry and regulatory Standards and documents.
- to follow the Guidelines for developing Standards for Customer Equipment and Customer Cabling.

Specifically, the Working Committee is to manage two projects:

1. The revision of the AS/CA S008:2010 **Requirements for customer cabling products** Standard.
2. The revision of the AS/CA S009:2013 **Installation requirements for customer cabling (Wiring rules)** Standard.

The revision is to address the comments in the **AS/CA S008 and AS/CA S009 revision - Log of comments** document and supporting documents. The issues to be addressed in the Standards revision project are:

- considering a new 'fit for purpose' requirement in AS/CA S008 to specify the suitability of cabling products.
- updating the optical safety labelling requirements.
- updating the material requirements to align with AS 1049.1.
- amending the definition of Cabling product.
- amending the requirements for underground conduit markings.
- consideration of requirements for optical fibre cords.
- consideration of the requirements of telecommunications cabling carrying remote power.

- a review of fire rating of cable to support the installation of cables within a fire zone within different building types, as specified in the National Construction Code (NCC).
- consideration of requirements for travelling cables used in lifts.
- amending the compatibility requirements for 6-position modular plugs and 8-position 8-contact modular sockets.
- consideration of the requirements for fusion splicing in intrinsically safe areas.
- review of the safe and sound practice requirements.
- review of the requirements for cabling between buildings.
- review the requirements for equipotential bonding with respect to ISO/IEC 30129.
- amend the 6P socket contact/pair assignments and cable colour codes.
- consideration of new requirements for pits.

Primary deliverables

- a revised version of the AS/CA S008:2010 **Requirements for customer cabling products** Standard
- a revised version of the AS/CA S009:2013 **Installation requirements for customer cabling (Wiring rules)** Standard

Supporting deliverables

- documented responses to comments received during the public consultation process.
- a recommendation on the application date and transitional period of the Standard.

The project milestones of the Working Committee are:

Milestone	Targets
Approval to start	May 2017
Public comment start	April 2018
Public comment close	June 2018
Ballot start	September 2018
Ballot close	September 2018
Approval for publication	October 2018
Publication	October 2018

4 **Membership of the WC80 : Customer cabling installation and cabling products Working Committee**

WC80 : Customer cabling installation and cabling products Working Committee members will be selected to ensure adequate representation of industry and consumer interests. Members need not be members of Communications Alliance and may include representatives from regulatory bodies.

Membership will be assessed on the basis of achieving/ensuring appropriate and balanced representation of interested, affected sectors. In the interests of achieving a workable sized committee, the lodging of an Expression of Interest does not guarantee membership on the **WC80 : Customer cabling installation and cabling products** Working Committee.

Membership of Communications Alliance Working Committees is restricted to one voting member per organisation. Additional members from an organisation are able to nominate as participating members. Unlike voting members, participating members will not be eligible to participate in any vote in the Working Committee, unless authorised by the voting member in their absence.

The Working Committee constituency by sector is:

Sector
Carrier
Supplier: Equipment/Cable
Industry Associations: Cablers
Testing laboratory
Supplier: Services

5 **Role of Working Committee Members**

Members of the **WC80 : Customer cabling installation and cabling products** Working Committee are required to:

- participate in Working Committee meetings;
- where possible, ensure that an 'alternate' representative from your organisation is able to attend meetings in your absence;
- contribute to the content development and drafting of the revised AS/CA S008 **Requirements for customer cabling products** and AS/CA S009 **Installation requirements for customer cabling (Wiring rules)** Standards;
- assist in the preparation of project reports, where necessary;
- assist with the public review process of the proposed draft AS/CA S008 **Requirements for customer cabling products** and AS/CA S009 **Installation requirements for customer cabling (Wiring rules)** Standards; and
- vote on the publication on the completion of the content development at the end of the project.

6 **Consumer/Community Representative Travel Costs**

Communications Alliance will consider on a case by case basis the payment of travel costs associated with the attendance of consumer/community

representatives at Working Committee meetings. Wherever possible, meetings will be held by teleconference and other electronic means.

7 Expressions of Interest

Please note:

If you have previously been nominated for the **WC80 : Customer cabling installation and cabling products** Working Committee through a consumer organisation, you need not lodge an Expression of Interest.

Expressions of Interest for Working Committee membership must include:

- Statement of relevant experience, why you are interested in participating in the Working Committee and which group you are representing (if any);
- Brief resume outlining your experience; and
- Completed and signed nomination form.

Expressions of Interest for the **WC80 : Customer cabling installation and cabling products** Working Committee should be lodged, preferably by email, with:

Mike Johns, Project Manager, on
e-mail m.johns@commsalliance.com.au

Alternatively, Expressions of Interest can be forwarded to:

**WC80 : CUSTOMER CABLING INSTALLATION AND CABLING PRODUCTS
COMMUNICATIONS ALLIANCE
PO Box 444
Milsons Point NSW 1565**

Queries can be directed to the Project Manager by email or alternatively via:
telephone (02) 9959 9111 or facsimile (02) 9954 6136.

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