

Information on Communications Alliance Working Committees



WC106 : Broadcast Cabling and Digital Equipment Working Committee

Please note: EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR THIS WORKING COMMITTEE MUST BE RECEIVED BY 5.00PM, 30 JANUARY 2024

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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, equipment vendors, IT companies, consultants and business groups.

Its vision is to be the most influential association in Australian communications, co-operatively initiating programs that promote sustainable industry development, innovation and growth, while generating positive outcomes for customers and society.

The prime mission of Communications Alliance is to create a co-operative stakeholder environment that allows the industry to take the lead on initiatives which grow the Australian communications industry, enhance the connectivity of all Australians and foster the highest standards of business behaviour.

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 WC106 : Broadcast Cabling and Digital Equipment Working Committee

The **WC106 Broadcast Cabling and Digital Equipment** Working Committee has been established to perform an area of work identified by the Customer Equipment and Cable and Reference Panel (CECRP). This Committee in carrying out the specific terms below is to observe the following guidelines, as appropriate:

- to adopt international/overseas Standards and Australian Standards (AS & 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 & 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 revise G642:2016 **Installation of Broadcast Cabling and connection of Digital Broadcast Equipment to a Telecommunications Network** Industry Guideline, to:

- add a description of the 2016 revision to the Foreword.
- review the list of Acronyms and Definitions in Section 2 and amend as appropriate.
- update Figure 1 to include current variants in operation for digital broadcast equipment delivered using fibre-based services into broadcast premises.
- review and edit the lists of broadcast interfaces and specifications in Section 3.4 (where it is anticipated that the lists will be dramatically reduced).
- renumber References to Section 4, review the list of standards referenced and limit to only relevant documents.

Primary deliverables

- a revised G642 **Installation of Broadcast Cabling and connection of Digital Broadcast Equipment to a Telecommunications Network** Industry Guideline.

The project milestones of the Working Committee are:

| Milestone | Targets |
|-----------------------------|----------------|
| Approval to start | December 2023 |
| Pre-public comment | April 2024 |
| Public comment start | May 2024 |

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| Public comment close | June 2024 |
| Ballot start | July 2024 |
| Ballot close | July 2024 |
| Approval for publication | August 2024 |
| Publication | August 2024 |

4 **Membership of the WC106 : Broadcast Cabling and Digital Equipment Working Committee**

WC106 : Broadcast Cabling and Digital Equipment 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 **WC106 : Broadcast Cabling and Digital Equipment** 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 |
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| Carrier (2) |
| Content Service Provider (3) |
| Industry Association: Radio/sound broadcasting (2) |
| Industry Association: TV broadcasting (1) |
| Outside broadcast service provider (2) |
| Television broadcaster (4) |
| Media Playout Provider (1) |

5 **Role of Working Committee Members**

Members of the **WC106 : Broadcast Cabling and Digital Equipment** 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 proposed G642 **Installation of Broadcast Cabling and connection of Digital Broadcast Equipment to a Telecommunications Network** Industry Guideline;
- assist in the preparation of project reports, where necessary;
- assist with the public review process of the proposed draft G642 **Installation of Broadcast Cabling and connection of Digital Broadcast Equipment to a Telecommunications Network** Industry Guideline; 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 **WC106 : Broadcast Cabling and Digital Equipment** 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 **WC106 : Broadcast Cabling and Digital Equipment** 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:

WC106 Broadcast Cabling and Digital Equipment Working Committee
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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