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AS 1851 – Presentation #1

Project Update

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Agenda

Our first presentation and discussion is focused on is the current AS 1851-2012 Amendment Project, whilst our 2nd presentation will discuss in detail the application and delivery of AS 1851-2012.

Presentation #1

- List of nominating organizations that make up FP001
- The Standards development process and where it is at.
- Timeline on the AS1851 amendment project.
- Why it is an amendment not a revision & the reasons.
- Feedback on comments in and out of scope.
- Working groups that have been established by the committee.



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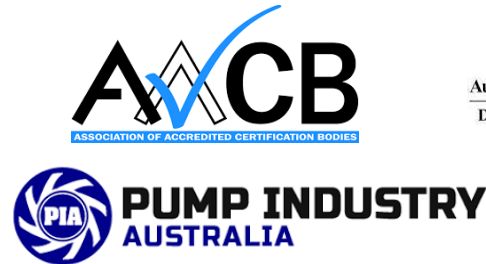
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FP001 - Nominating Organization's with voting rights (18 off)



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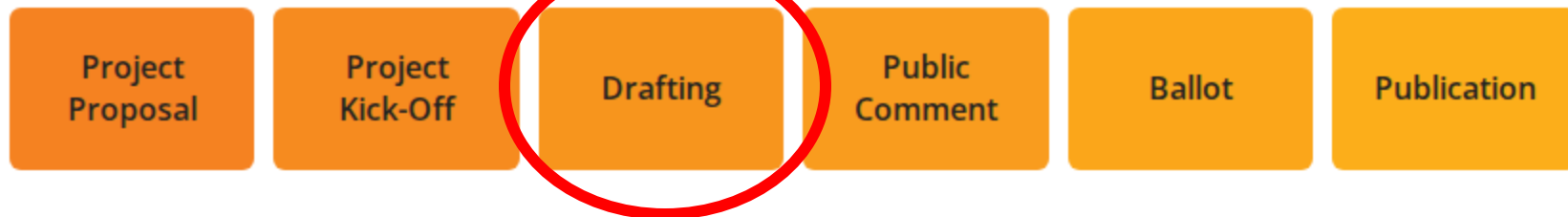
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There are six stages in the amendment of AS 18510-2012

as at 14th May 2025

Next meeting schedule 19th June 2025



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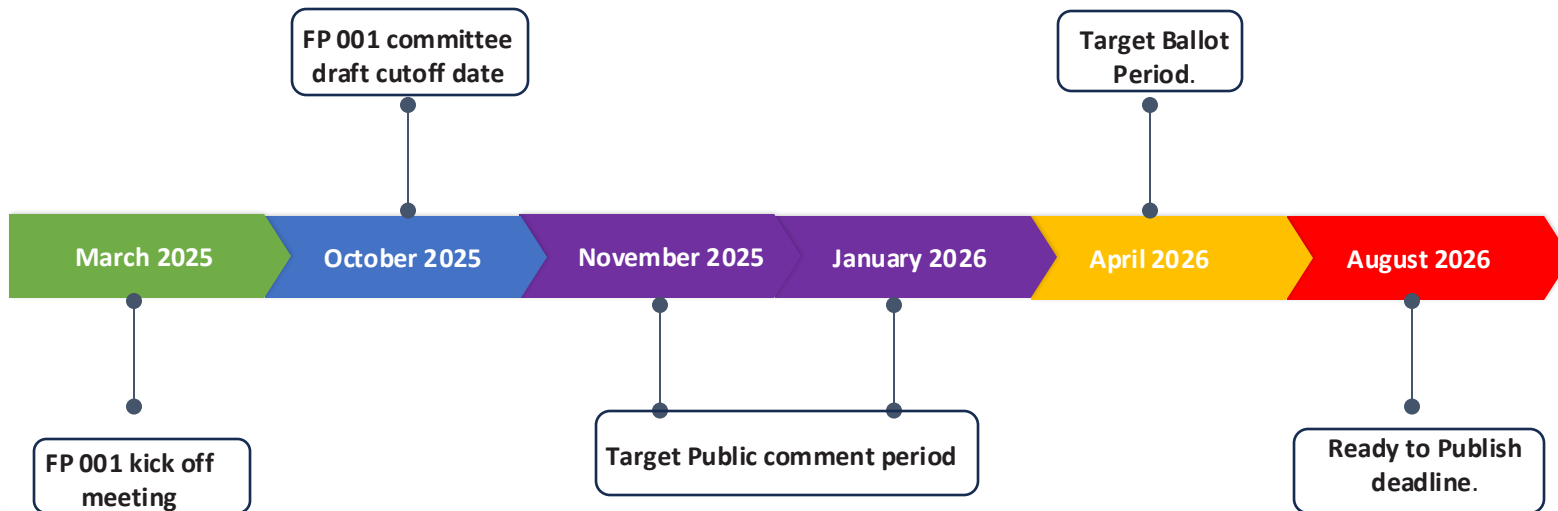
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AS1851 Amendment timeline



Why it is an amendment not a revision & the reasons

Revision definition that Standards Australia uses

A new edition of the standard is published, with the major changes listed briefly in the Preface. The designation stays the same, only the published year changes, i.e. AS 1851:2012 becomes AS 1851:2025.

FP 001 comment: A revision would trigger a regulatory review by each jurisdiction that would include consultation, regulatory impact statements etc. that would increase the delay in adoption by the regulators or AHJ's..

Amendment definition that Standards Australia uses

It is still the same edition, i.e. AS 1851:2012, but with an amendment (there can be several amendments over the years), so it could for example look like: AS 1851:2012 Amdt 1:2016, AS 1851:2012 Amdt 2:2025 etc. When the amendment is published, it's only a one or two-page document listing all the amendments. A consolidated version can then be re-issued, in which the amendments are taken in and marked in the text with special amendment markers to indicate the changed content.



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Why it is an amendment not a revision & the reasons

State	Act	Regulation	Reference Document	Defined Term
ACT	Building Act 2004 Emergencies Act 2004	Building Regulations 2008	Fire Safety Guideline FSG – 05 'Essential Safety Maintenance'	Active Fire Safety System, Essential Services
NSW	Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979	Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021	N/A	Essential Fire Safety Measures
NT	Building Act 1993 Fire and Emergency Act 1996	Building Regulations 1993 Fire and Emergency Regulations 2011	Northern Territory Fire and Rescue Service Advisory Note Maintenance of Building Fire Safety Measures	Building Fire Safety Measures
QLD	Fire & Rescue Act 1990 Building Act 1975	Building Fire Safety Regulation 2008	Queensland Development Code MP6.1	Fire Safety Installations
SA	Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016	Planning, Development and Infrastructure (General) Regulations 2017	MBS 002 – Maintaining the performance of essential safety provisions	Fire Safety Provisions
TAS	Building Act 2016	Building Regulations 2016	Director's Determination – Categories of Building and Demolition Work	Essential Safety and Health Measures
VIC	Building Act 1993	Building Regulations 2018	Victorian Building Authority Building Practice Note – Emergency Safety measures	Essential Safety Measures
WA	Building Act 2011	Building Regulation 2012	N/A	Safety Measures

- All States and Territories require ESM's to be maintained. So *there is a constant approach nationwide*
- *Not all* States and Territories nominate in their Building Act or Regulation AS1851-2012.
- The exceptions to this are ACT, WA and TAS who either nominate AS1851 or are silent on which standard to maintain the ESM to, or require a building surveyor to nominate the maintenance requirements.
- **FP 001 believe that an amendment will pose less of a challenge for a jurisdiction to adopt than a full revision.**



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Feedback on comments in and out of scope.

Actions completed

- There were **691** items received by Standards Australia as feedback from all stakeholders.
- **399** of these items were deemed to be either out of scope or no change required and left a balance of 292 items that required review and or further discussion by the committee.
- This remaining **292** items was further reduced to **106** items that needed specialist advice or were technical (not editorial) in nature.

Actions underway

- Working groups have been formed to review these 106 items and provide feedback to the full committee.



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