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# From Members to Outcomes: The Role of TACs and NTAC in Fire Safety

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# FPA Australia – Overview



**Fire Protection Association Australia (FPA Australia) is the national peak body for fire safety and the fire protection industry.**

- **Australia's leading fire protection industry association**
- Representing **35,000+ individuals** across **1,750+ member organisations**
- Members span **industry, government, emergency services, building owners & education**
- **Independent, authoritative national voice** for fire safety
- Delivering **technical guidance, education, training, and advocacy**
- **Technical committees** are central to how FPA Australia develops positions and represents the industry



**1750+**  
Members\*



**9** **TACs**  
Technical  
Advisory  
Committees



**3** **SIGs**  
Special  
Interest  
Groups



**27+**  
Standards  
Committees

# FPA Australia – Our Role in the industry



**FPA Australia exists to support, inform, uplift and unite our members so they can deliver higher standards, stronger safeguards and better fire protection outcomes for the community.**

- **Supports members** through technical leadership, guidance and industry representation
- **Informs industry** through standards development, advice and knowledge sharing
- **Uplifts capability** through education, competency and professional development
- **Brings the industry together** through committees, collaboration and a unified voice
- **Drives higher standards and stronger safeguards** across fire protection practice
- **Contributes to better fire protection outcomes** for the community

# Why Committees Matter /



## Audience Question

### **A coordinated and credible industry voice**

Committees bring together diverse expertise to form coordinated, credible positions

### **Real-world input into standards and guidance**

Committee input ensures standards and guidance are grounded in practical, real-world application

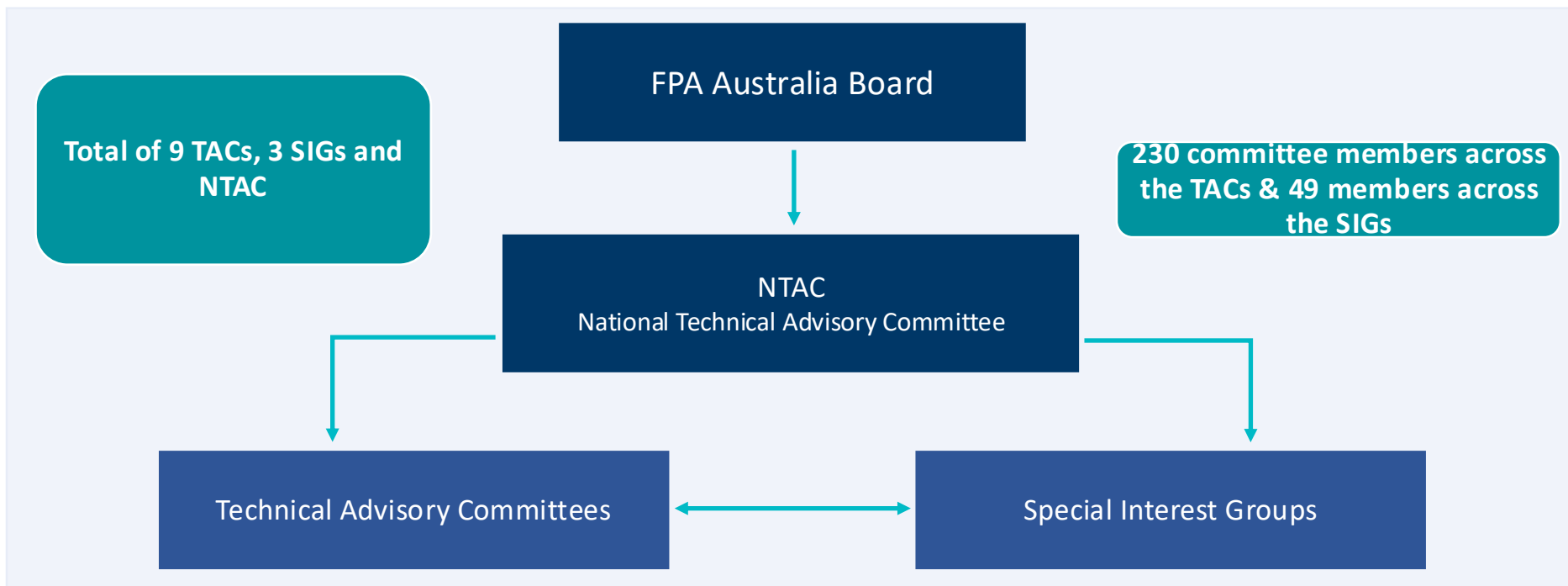
### **Stronger advocacy and industry influence**

Collective technical input strengthens credible engagement with regulators and Standards Australia

### **Continuous improvement across the industry**

Collaboration drives consistency, capability and better outcomes across the industry

# Technical Committee Structure



- **TACs** provide discipline-specific technical input
- **SIGs** focus on emerging and cross-cutting issues
- **NTAC** coordinates across committees and aligns technical positions
- **Board** provides endorsement and strategic direction
- Committees are made up of volunteer subject-matter experts

# Breadth of Committees



## FPA Australia Technical Committees include:

TAC/1 - Maintenance of Fire Protection Systems & Equipment

TAC/2 - Fire Detection and Alarm Systems

TAC/3/7 - Portable and Mobile Equipment

TAC/4/8/9 - Fire Sprinkler, Hydrants, Tanks & Fire Pumps

TAC/11/22 - Special Hazard Fire Protection Systems

TAC/17 - Emergency Planning

TAC/18/19 - Passive Fire Protection

TAC/20 - Bushfire Safety

TAC/M – Mechanical

LB/SIG – Lithium Battery

BLNCC/SIG – Building Legislation & NCC

RESS/SIG – Renewable & Energy Storage Systems



**TAC/SIG  
Members**



**Organisations  
represented**



**1,000+  
Volunteer  
hours  
contributed**



**Associated  
Australian  
Standards**

# How the System Works /



1. **Member input:** Industry issues are raised through **TACs** and **SIGs**
2. **Discussion and refinement:** Issues are discussed, tested and refined through committee input
3. **Coordination:** Issues and overlaps are identified and escalated to **NTAC** as required
4. **Alignment and advice:** Input is coordinated by **FPA Australia's technical team** and informs the **Board** and **CEO**
5. **Industry outcomes:** Agreed positions are communicated through guidance, advocacy and engagement

# From Committees to Industry Outcomes /



## Better technical positions

Coordinated, evidence-based and defensible

## Stronger advocacy

Clear, coordinated input to regulators, ABCB and Standards Australia

## Member voice

Practical experience informs FPA Australia's positions

## Safer industry outcomes

Guidance, education and regulatory improvement

# Key Committee Contributions /



## Standards and Regulation

- Represent FPA Australia across 27+ Standards Australia committees
- Contribute across the full standards development process, from drafting to consultation and finalisation.
- Support practical, consistent and fit-for-purpose standards aligned with regulation and industry practice

## Technical Guidance and Publications

- Develop industry guidance and technical documents, including policies, position statements, advisory notes and good practice guides
- Provide leadership, interpretive guidance and practical advice to industry
- Reflect real-world experience and support consistent, professional application across the sector



# Meet the Chairs



**John Lynch** - Wormald Australia

*TAC/1 - Maintenance of Fire Protection Systems and Equipment*

**Will Porteous** - Firewize

*TAC/4/8/9 - Fire Sprinkler & Hydrants Systems, Tanks and Fixed Fire Pumps*

**Justin Morris** - Wormald Australia

*TAC/11/22 - Special Hazard Fire Protection Systems*

**David Boverman** - Helping Hands Planning & Design Pty Ltd

*TAC/20 - Bushfire Safety*

**Michael Slatter** – Erbas & Associates

*BLNCC/SIG - Building Legislation and National Construction Code  
Special Interest Group*

# Theme 1: Member Voice



## Ensuring a broad and representative member voice informs committee work

1. How do you balance strong individual views while bringing different industry perspectives together?
2. Where do you see gaps in representation, and whose voices are we not hearing enough from?
3. What are the barriers to broader member participation, and how can we encourage those not on committees to contribute their views?

## Strengthening coordination and alignment across committees

1. Where do you see the most overlap between committees?
2. What works well in coordinating across TACs and SIGs, and how do you ensure visibility of what other committees are working on?
3. Where are there opportunities to strengthen coordination across committees, and what could make collaboration easier?

## Building credible, coordinated positions that influence standards, regulation and industry practice

1. What makes FPA Australia's technical positions credible and effective when engaging with external stakeholders?
2. What does successful engagement with regulators or Standards Australia look like?
3. Can you share an example where your TAC or SIG has helped turn member knowledge into a practical industry outcome?

# Theme 4: Improvement & Engagement



## Strengthening engagement and creating opportunities for members to contribute

1. What are the best ways for members to get involved if they're not on a committee?
2. How can we make it easier for members to contribute their expertise?
3. How do we make sure members are aware of opportunities to contribute?

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### Audience question:

Where should committees focus their efforts next to deliver the most value to members?

# Final Takeaway



TACs, SIGs and NTAC are not internal committees

**They are the mechanism by which member expertise  
becomes industry leadership**

Your expertise can shape that system

**Join a Technical Advisory  
Committee**



**Join a Special Interest  
Group**

