

31 March 2020

Standing Committee of Officials (SCO)

This communiqué highlights the key outcomes of the SCO meeting held on 24 March 2020.

Outcomes of SCO meeting

The SCO Equipment Working Group has been formed. This working group will provide advice to the SCO on technical matters and performing day to day functions of the EESS.

SCO noted that a round table meeting of regulators and industry representatives was held in Brisbane on 13 February 2020. Participants discussed the 2017-18 and 2018-19 EESS check test results and what can be done, using the results, to promote awareness of the EESS and improve electrical equipment compliance.

The SCO discussed the development of a project plan for the review of the Equipment Safety Rules. The review will involve consultation with Australian and New Zealand electrical equipment safety regulators, industry representatives and other interested stakeholders.

The SCO Secretariat continues hold further discussions with New Zealand and New South Wales to work towards participation by those jurisdictions in the EESS. All jurisdictions are continuing to work towards harmonising electrical safety regulatory systems throughout Australia and New Zealand.

A communiqué will be released following each SCO meeting and will be published on the EESS website. The SCO can be contacted though the SCO Secretariat at EESS.Secretariat@oir.qld.gov.au.

Attendees / Apologies

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Donna Heelan, Queensland (SCO Chair)• Ian Burgwin, Victoria• Adam Murdoch, Victoria• Ron Keelty, New South Wales• Rob Faunt, South Australia• Chris Wicks, Northern Territory• Brian Richardson (SCO Secretariat)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Saj Abdoolakhan, Western Australia• Michael Mosslar, Australian Capital Territory• Mark Wogan, New Zealand• Andrew Goldsworthy, Tasmania

Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 26 May 2020 via videoconference.