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Submitted to **Review of the mandatory safety standards for portable fire extinguishers**
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Introduction

1 What is your name?

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Key questions

4 What is your preferred option and why?

Please provide your comments:
Preferred option is Option 2.

All extinguisher manufacturers currently have their extinguishers certified to the current Australian Standard whilst the ACCC mandatory standard still references the previous standard edition. The ACCC mandatory standard should at least be brought into line with the current addition Australian Standard to ensure it includes the current safety requirements for portable fire extinguishers.

5 Do you agree with our assessment of the international standards?

Please provide your comments:
Yes I do. I would also like to add that AS1841 is not a voluntary standard in all circumstances as it is indirectly referenced via the National Construction Code. The NCC mandates that portable extinguishers need to be installed in particular classes of building and that they need to be installed in accordance with AS2444. Standard AS2444 requires portable fire extinguishers to have a Fire Performance rating as per AS1850 which is the fire performance standard for extinguishers manufactured by AS1841. So AS1841 is an indirect Australian Standard reference to the NCC.

It would not make sense to allow extinguishers to comply to an international standard for consumers when it is mandatory for them to comply with AS1841 under the NCC.

6 Would option 2 change your compliance costs for non-aerosol extinguishers?

Please provide your comments:
No there would not be any compliance costs for non-aerosol extinguishers because the industry is already complying to the current Australian Standards.

7 Is there any reason the mandatory standard for non-aerosol extinguishers should not reference the latest voluntary Australian standard AS/NZS 1841:2007?

Please provide your comments:
No.

8 Is there any reason the mandatory standard should not be adjusted so that it only applies to the supply of new non-aerosol fire extinguishers and to avoid the current regulatory overlap for routine servicing?

Please provide your comments:
No.

9 Are there any other options the ACCC should consider?

Please provide your comments:
No

10 Do you have any other comments or suggestions?

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No