

CFA STANDARDS PROJECT

Consumers' Federation of Australia representatives have been volunteering on Standards Australia technical committees for more than 20 years.

Below are some examples of committees over the period.

1994

EV-006 : Waste Management

Waste management includes the collection, transport, treatment and disposal of waste, together with monitoring and regulation of the waste management process.

1997

IT-027 : Personal and Corporate Data

Developed standards relating to the way personal data is collected and prevents unauthorised use or disclosure.

2002

MB-014 : Business Governance

Business governance standards assist members of boards, chief executive officers and senior managers to develop, implement and maintain a robust system of governance..

2012

EL-059 : Dishwashers, clothes washers and dryers

Developed standards that cover the performance, water and energy consumption, and safety of household dishwashers, clothes washing machines, and dryers.

2019

IT-043 : Artificial intelligence

AI is an exciting technology with a growing future in the Australian and global market. The standards developed by this committee aim to build consumer trust and safe-guard against the irresponsible use of this technology.

2020

CS-118 : Button batteries

Button batteries are a severe injury risk. Young children are particularly vulnerable, but button batteries are also a danger to other vulnerable groups like older people and those with dementia.

1974

Australian Federation of Consumer Organisations (AFCO) established in Canberra.

1994-5

AFCO reforms as Consumers' Federation of Australia (CFA) and Standards Australia (SA) commences funding to support CFA reps on SA committees.

1999

Project relocates to Consumer Law Centre in Melbourne (now Consumer Action Law Centre).

2006

MS-056 : Biodegradability of materials

Developed standards that set out the requirements for materials to be considered biodegradable.

2014

QR-016 : Anti-bribery

Corruption is a complex social, political and economic phenomenon that affects all countries. Corruption undermines democratic institutions, slows economic development and contributes to governmental instability.

2020

MB-030 : Black economy

The black economy includes: employers mistreating workers by not paying what they are entitled to; dishonest businesses not paying tax or superannuation to undercut their competitors; criminals operating business models outside of our regulatory systems.