

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION
AND
THE AUSTRALASIAN FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICE AUTHORITIES COUNCIL
(AFAC, LTD.)**

PURPOSE OF MOU

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), Quincy, Massachusetts USA and the Australasian Fire and Emergency Service Authorities Council (AFAC), East Melbourne, Victoria, Australia sets in place an agreement for both organisations to work cooperatively to reduce the impact of fires and related hazards through the development of codes and standards, industry guidance documents and publications and the conduct of educational events and other related activities.

Both NFPA and AFAC are committed to the advancement of the fire protection cause and share a joint mission of promoting quality fire safety outcomes around the world. This MOU establishes the overarching framework so that resources and expertise can be shared to advance that cause.

1. RECOGNITION AND PROVISIONS

AFAC recognises NFPA as a global not for profit organization that advocates for the elimination of death, injury, property and economic loss due to fire, electrical and related hazards, and that NFPA helps save lives and reduce loss with information, knowledge and passion. AFAC recognises that NFPA is a leading organisation in both the United States of America and internationally for the development of codes and standards for fire, electrical and building safety.

NFPA recognises AFAC as a trusted source of emergency and incident management and expertise, information and advice, working with emergency management practitioners across all industries and sectors. NFPA recognises that AFAC's strategic direction supports resilient communities through risk reduction; provides trusted response; forms the source of credible and timely information; engages effective governance and resource management and is informed by research.

Both NFPA and AFAC are committed to the development, publication and dissemination of guidance, research, codes and standards that serve to minimise the possibility and effects of fire and other hazards in all aspects of contemporary living.

Both NFPA and AFAC are committed to conducting educational forums that provide relevant and updated information to practitioners and professionals who work in,

or have an interest in, products and services that diminish the impact of fires or related hazards.

Through staff, members and associates, NFPA and AFAC have the combined expertise to address many of the current and emerging challenges of managing fire safety and related hazards. Collectively NFPA and AFAC have the knowledge and capacity to educate others in the quest for better skilled and informed practitioners and professionals who provide products and services in fire safety or related fields.

2. SCOPE OF MOU

2.1. Codes and Standards

This MOU establishes the framework for NFPA and AFAC to agree to work cooperatively to promote fire and life safety programs, focusing on education and the sharing of best practices and research in the interest of public safety globally.

2.2. Conferences and Seminars

This MOU encourages NFPA and AFAC to work cooperatively to conduct forums such as conferences, seminars and workshops for their members and others. The subjects for these events could include, but are not limited to, codes and standards, regulatory compliance, emerging technology and best practice relating to the prevention and management of fire and related hazards.

Under this MOU, NFPA and AFAC can jointly facilitate the delivery of forums in countries where the proposed subject matter would be of benefit.

When agreement is reached to conduct a joint forum that agreement will become an annex to this overarching MOU and will include the agreed financial arrangements applicable thereto.

2.3 Technical Assistance

NFPA and AFAC will share fire-related research including investigations of technically significant fire incidents, fire data analysis, available economic impact information and international comparisons.

2.4 Prevention and Public Education

Both parties will promote collaboration on fire safety information for the community level, teaching people of all ages and economic circumstances to make responsible choices regarding safety utilizing a variety of methods including internet, curriculum materials and brochures.

3. CONSULTATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

Consultative meetings will be held at least once per year between the respective NFPA and AFAC nominated relationship managers to monitor existing agreements and review prospective projects congruent with the scope of this MOU.

The parties to this MOU will also encourage dialogue between other people associated with NFPA and AFAC to enhance the exchange of information between the organizations and ensure that agreements maximise outcomes from all projects to be undertaken.

4. PRESERVATION OF COPYRIGHT PROVISIONS

NFPA does not waive any rights to copyright over NFPA codes and standards documents or training materials. AFAC does not waive any rights to copyright over AFAC documents or training materials.

5. DISCLOSURE

NFPA and AFAC acknowledge that material for agreed projects provided by either organisation may include information confidential to the party providing that material. NFPA or AFAC must not, without the written approval of the other party, disclose information to a third party or any person who is not associated with the particular agreed project for which the material is being used.

6. VARIATION TO MOU

This Memorandum may be varied by agreement of the parties and any such variation shall be set out in writing and signed by both parties.

7. RELATIONSHIP MANAGERS

The key contacts between NFPA and AFAC will be:

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9. RELATIONSHIP OF PARTIES

This MOU creates no legally binding or enforceable obligations on either party.

EXECUTED as an Agreement.

Signed for and on behalf of
National Fire Protection Association
by:

Signature Date

Print Name & Title

Signed for and on behalf of
Australasian Fire and Emergency Service Authorities Council
by:

Signature Date

Print Name & Title