



Industry Research and Development (Access to Bushfire Construction Standards Program) Instrument 2020

I, Karen Andrews, Minister for Industry, Science and Technology, make the following instrument.

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1 Name

This instrument is the *Industry Research and Development (Access to Bushfire Construction Standards Program) Instrument 2020*.

2 Commencement

- (1) Each provision of this instrument specified in column 1 of the table commences, or is taken to have commenced, in accordance with column 2 of the table. Any other statement in column 2 has effect according to its terms.

Commencement information		
Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Provisions	Commencement	Date/Details
1. The whole of this instrument	The day after this instrument is registered.	25 April 2020

Note: This table relates only to the provisions of this instrument as originally made. It will not be amended to deal with any later amendments of this instrument.

- (2) Any information in column 3 of the table is not part of this instrument. Information may be inserted in this column, or information in it may be edited, in any published version of this instrument.

3 Authority

This instrument is made under section 33 of the *Industry Research and Development Act 1986*.

4 Definitions

In this instrument:

Act means the *Industry Research and Development Act 1986*.

program means the Access to Bushfire Construction Standards Program.

5 Prescribed program

- (1) For the purposes of subsection 33(1) of the Act, the program is prescribed.
- (2) The program is to make one or more payments to Standards Australia so that Australian Standard AS 3959:2018, *Construction of buildings in bushfire-prone areas*, as in force from time to time, can be made available to the public online and free of charge.
- (3) The purpose of the program, having regard to the property loss occurring as a result of the 2019-20 bushfire season, is to ensure that all Australians have access to the latest bushfire-ready construction standards, in order to enhance the safety of the lives, homes and property of all Australians.

6 Specified legislative power

For the purposes of subsection 33(3) of the Act, the powers of the Parliament to make laws with respect to the following are specified:

- (a) postal, telegraphic, telephonic, and other like services (within the meaning of paragraph 51(v) of the Constitution);
- (b) measures that are peculiarly adapted to the government of a nation and cannot otherwise be carried on for the benefit of the nation.