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AUS-SPEC: Helping local governments for 25 years

The AUS-SPEC specification system has been helping the local government sector design, construct and maintain their infrastructure assets for 25 years.

AUS-SPEC is an essential technical resource that facilitates the life cycle management of assets. This is part of NATSPEC's objective to improve construction quality and productivity through leadership of information.

This month, NATSPEC marks 15 years as the key organisation that updates, develops and distributes AUS-SPEC specifications and their associated library of information. NATSPEC began maintaining AUS-SPEC in June 2007 on behalf of IPWEA and Standards Australia.

"This set of comprehensive specifications has stood the test of time and with our partners at AUS-SPEC we remain committed to improving the long-term sustainable service delivery of infrastructure," says IPWEA CEO David Jenkins.

AUS-SPEC specifications for the management of minor infrastructure were first released in 1997. Supported by the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA), this was a joint venture between IPWEA and Statewide Roads through its Technical Management consultancy (SWRTM), part of Sinclair Knight Merz (now Jacobs), in coordination with several Councils. Standards Australia took over as IPWEA's joint venture partner in 2003.

Since 2007, NATSPEC has restructured AUS-SPEC into the National Classification System and added NATSPEC Basic and Landscape information to relevant AUS-SPEC packages. In 2018, AUS-SPEC released the Rural Roads package to assist rural and remote councils in managing their sealed and unsealed road networks. Road owners can compile their specifications online using the worksection templates in SPECbuilder.

AUS-SPEC is a subscription-based service. The eight available packages are: Complete, Contracts, Urban and open spaces, Buildings, Roadworks and bridges, Public utilities, Maintenance, and Rural Roads.

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