



**Gas Appliance
Manufacturers
Association of
Australia**

GAMAA Technical Committee Meeting - 21 April 2020

A good number of members have accepted the calendar invite I sent for this meeting but as you can image with the current state of play with COVID-19 we are now restricted in holding a gathering of this size.

Ross Jamieson and I are currently working through various options for holding this meeting using electronic media (Skype, Microsoft Teams, Zoom or others) and once a viable solution has been agreed I will communicate (send a new calendar invite) with the new arrangements so we can continue with this meeting.

Please email jon.onley@aigroup.com.au if you have any questions.

AS/NZS 5263.1.3 and 1.8

Standards Australia have released drafts of amended Standards AS/NZS 5263.1.3: Gas space heating appliances, and AS/NZS 5263.1.8: Decorative effect gas appliances, for Public Comment.

There are many minor editorial and administrative changes, and some major technical changes included in these drafts.

For both Parts 1.3 and 1.8, New Zealand requirements that were shown in each standard are now included in Part 0. Therefore, they have been removed from Parts 1.3 and 1.8.

The main technical changes are:

For Part 1.3 —

- Changes to the Method of Test for downdraught testing for open flued heaters. These are major changes that have been implemented to address perceived shortcomings in the current Method of Test.
- Completely new Energy Labelling requirements, including a new Appendix explaining how the derivations of the new labelling system. These changes have, in the main, been made to include calculations of heat losses due to ventilation requirements.

For Part 1.8 — The same changes as in Part 1.3 have been made to the Method of Test for downdraught.

Please check the drafts carefully and make comment as necessary. It is important for GAMAA members to contribute to this process.

The drafts are available on the Standards Australia website.

<https://sapc.standards.org.au/sapc/public/listOpenCommentingPublication.action>

The closing date for both drafts is May 8th.

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