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After consultation with stakeholders in both countries, Standards Australia and Standards New Zealand decided to develop this Standard as an Australian Standard rather than an Australian/New Zealand Standard.

A1 | The objective of this Standard is to provide procedures and criteria for the classification of external walls of buildings according to their tendency to limit the spread of fire via the external wall and between adjacent buildings and limit falling debris that could be hazardous to evacuating occupants and fire fighters.

Further information on the relationship of this standard with the National Construction Code is provided in Appendix A.

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