

# MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as the "Agreement") is made and effective 17<sup>th</sup> October 2025 (the "Effective Date"),

**BY AND** Plastics Industry Pipes Association of Australia Limited with an address of PO Box 957,  
**BETWEEN:** North Lakes, QLD 4509 Australia  
**AND:** The Institute of Plumbing Australia Incorporated (IPA), with a mailing address of PO Box 3174, Lesmurdie, WA 6076, Australia

## **Introduction:**

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signifies the commitment of the Plastics Industry Pipes Association of Australia Limited (PIPA) and the Institute of Plumbing Australia Inc. (IPA) to collaborate closely to enhance plumbing standards, ensure public safety, and support professional excellence within the industry.

PIPA, founded in 1999, and the IPA founded in 1954, have continuously championed initiatives promoting excellence, safety, and professionalism within the plumbing industry for the benefit of the public. Recognising the mutual advantages that a stronger partnership can deliver, both organisations agree to collaborate closely in pursuit of the following shared objectives:

## **Objectives and Responsibilities:**

### 1. Technical Information Exchange:

Both organisations agree to regularly share technical information through quarterly virtual meetings, webinars, and dedicated online portals, facilitating secure and effective digital collaboration, enhancing their capabilities through mutual knowledge transfer.

### 2. Development of Technical Standards:

PIPA and IPA shall collaboratively establish and maintain fundamental goals and standards for technical documentation, specifically targeting the safe and efficient delivery of water supply, sanitary plumbing, and plumbing installations.

### 3. Promotion and Communication:

Both organisations will actively promote the benefits of this collaborative relationship through their respective membership publications, digital media channels, online forums, and other appropriate communication channels, where deemed appropriate.

#### 4. Joint Projects:

Both parties agree to consider and mutually approve joint projects, including digital-focused initiatives such as online training modules, virtual conferences, and webinars, aligning closely with their shared goals and objectives. Specific joint initiatives will be clearly defined, detailing roles, responsibilities, funding arrangements, timelines, and outcomes documented in separate written agreements.

#### 5. Mutual Support:

Each organisation will use its best endeavours to assist the other in achieving respective goals, provided these efforts do not conflict with each organisation's individual objectives.

#### 6. Digital Content Sharing and API/RSS/Data Integration

To enhance knowledge-sharing and industry-wide visibility, both parties agree to facilitate the syndication of publicly released digital content (including but not limited to: news updates, technical articles, publications, media releases, and announcements). Where technically feasible:

- a) Each party may provide the other with access to an Application Programming Interface (API) or Really Simple Syndication (RSS) feed, or an alternative method of automated content access (e.g., JSON or XML file).
- b) This access enables non-commercial reposting or embedding of shared content on each party's official website and/or associated digital platforms, with proper attribution and linkbacks to the original source.
- c) Any such content syndication must respect the original publication's intent, accuracy, and branding, and may be removed or modified at the request of the original publisher.
- d) Both parties acknowledge that this arrangement is non-exclusive and revocable at any time and may be subject to technical limitations or compatibility considerations.

#### **Confidentiality and Intellectual Property:**

Both organisations agree to maintain the confidentiality of technical information shared during this collaboration, refraining from disclosing this information to third parties without prior written consent from the originating organisation. Intellectual property developed jointly shall have ownership and usage rights clearly defined in separate written agreements.

#### **Dispute Resolution:**

Any disagreements or misunderstandings arising from this MoU shall initially be resolved amicably through mutual discussions or mediation before considering other forms of dispute resolution.

#### **Jurisdiction:**

This MoU shall be interpreted in accordance with the laws of Australia.

**Review and Duration:**

This MoU will be **reviewed annually** by both parties to evaluate its effectiveness and determine any necessary modifications or renewals. Additionally, an interim review shall occur whenever a significant change in leadership occurs within either organization, ensuring continuity and alignment of shared objectives and commitments.

**Termination Clause:**

This MoU is not legally binding and may be terminated by either party upon providing 30 days' written notice to the other party. Additionally, this agreement does not prevent either organisation from entering into similar agreements or collaborations with other entities.

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**Signed** for and on behalf of **PIPA** by:



Signature

Cindy Bray

Name (*please print*)

Executive General Manager

Title (*please print*)

23/10/2025

Date

In the Presence of:



Signature of Witness

Mark Heathcote

Name of Witness (*please print*)

PIPA Company Secretary

Title of Witness (*please print*)

**Signed** for and on behalf of **Institute of Plumbing Australia** by:



Signature

Andrew Okines

Name (*please print*)

President for the IPA

Title (*please print*)

17.10.2025

Date

In the Presence of:



Signature of Witness

Brent Marsh

Name of Witness (*please print*)

Secretary for the IPA

Title of Witness (*please print*)