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## Preface

This Standard was prepared by the Standards Australia Committee HE-011, Safe Disposal of Sharps and Clinical Wastes, to supersede AS/NZS 3816—1998, *Management of clinical and related wastes*.

The objective of this Standard is to establish principles for clinical and related wastes to be safely managed and disposed of in an environmentally responsible manner. It seeks to provide personnel responsible for the proper handling, storage and disposal of healthcare and biomedical wastes such as hospital environmental services management, nursing unit managers, laboratory managers, practice proprietors and others with practical information about how to manage these wastes from point of generation to final disposal.

The determination of appropriate treatment and disposal practices for waste is dependent on an accurate categorization and segregation of the waste. The requirements concerning categorization of wastes has been expanded in this revision of the Standard. This revision includes Category A infectious wastes and waste containing Genetically Modified Organisms, neither of which were covered in the 1998 edition of this Standard.

The release of NZS 4304:2002 Management of Healthcare Waste by Standards New Zealand has obviated the need for the New Zealand references that were contained in the 1998 joint Australian/New Zealand version of this Standard.

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