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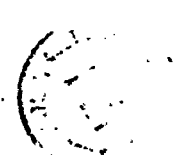
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## PREFACE

This code of recommended practice has been prepared to complement the Australian standard specification for vitrified clay pipes, AS A164. It will be noted that recommendations in this code are limited to pipes not larger than 12 inches in diameter; the drafting committee is of the opinion that for pipelines of larger diameter special installation considerations would be warranted.

Particular attention is drawn to the fact that completely new ground has been covered in these recommendations. Examination of overseas practices and literature disclosed no substantiated recommendations to show that 4-in and 6-in diameter pipes should be treated in the same way as larger diameter pipes. In view of the considerable infiltration associated with structural failures in small diameter pipelines, the committee was fortunate in being able to be associated with experiments which had already been commenced, in anticipation of the need for this information, by the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works where a lengthy and detailed experimental examination of the beam loading forces and shearing forces which act on small diameter pipelines in situ was being made.

As a result, the committee concluded that the strength of pipes acting as beams is the controlling

factor when considering 4-in and 6-in diameter pipes, ring loading strength tending to merge with beam loading strength before the diameter of the pipe reaches 9 in.

The code does not specify requirements with respect to infiltration. However, the committee considers that pipes which meet the permeability requirements in Clause 2.2 of AS A164 will allow only an insignificant amount of infiltration, and even this will decrease rapidly with time.

This code of practice should be read in conjunction with AS A164, Vitrified Clay Pipes, and AS A165, A 4-in diameter Rubber Ring Joint for Vitrified Clay Pipes. The three documents were drawn up with the intention that they be used together, and the code will be used to best advantage if this consideration is kept in mind.

In addition to the above standards, this code requires reference to AS CA33, Concrete Pipe Laying Design, and reference may also be necessary to AS A89, Methods of Testing Soils for Engineering Purposes.

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