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### **Part 1: Septic tanks**



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## FOREWORD

This Standard is one of a series that has been revised by the Joint Standards Australia/Standards New Zealand Committee WS-013 on On-site Domestic Wastewater Management. It supersedes AS/NZS 1546.1:1998 On-site domestic wastewater treatment units Part 1: Septic tanks. The other Standards that have been revised by the committee are:

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| AS/NZS 1547:2000   | On-site domestic-wastewater management;   |
| AS/NZS 1546.2:2001 | On-site domestic-wastewater treatment units Part 2: Waterless composting toilets; and     |
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There is a twofold objective in this Standard. The first is to provide a set of performance statements which define the requirements of a septic tank against which any septic tank may be assessed. The second is to provide manufacturers of septic tanks and associated fittings with basic manufacturing and test specifications. These will enable certification bodies to check that a product conforms to the Standard.

In this revision some changes have been made for the testing of plastic tank materials. There are separate tests for injection moulded tanks and rotationally moulded tanks. The tests are a normative requirement. There has also been detail offered for the estimation of sidewall loading on tanks.

It is the intention of the committee that the next revision of the Standard will include performance criteria and test methods for control of total suspended solids (TSS) in the effluent from the septic tank. The committee recommends a total suspended solids discharge level of less than or equal to 100 g/m<sup>3</sup> be met.

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