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PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Standards Australia Committee MS-012, Road Signs and Traffic Signals, to supersede AS 1744—1975.

The standard alphabets are provided for the purpose of establishing uniformity in the forms and dimensions of letters, numerals and symbol characters to be used on road signs in Australia. These alphabets are intended specifically but not exclusively for use with the standard road signs specified in AS 1743.

The alphabets and spacing values are the metric version of the FHWA Series 2000 fonts developed by the US Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) as described in its *Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices* ‘Standard Highway Signs’ (2004 Edition or later).

The revision differs from the AS 1744—1975 in the following aspects:

- (a) The three standard spacings, narrow, medium and wide have been replaced with a one simplified spacing method.
- (b) The basic letter forms have been retained. However, slight changes have been made to ensure consistency with stroke weight and optical balance from letter to letter.
- (c) Lower case letters have been included for each of the Series B, C, D, E, E Modified and F.
- (d) Symbols commonly used in text have been included for each of the Series B, C, D, E, E Modified and F.
- (e) The Series A alphabet has been removed.

Standards Australia wishes to acknowledge the assistance received from the US Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration in regard to the documents used as a basis for this Standard, parts of which are directly reproduced herein.

Fonts that comply with the FHWA Series 2000 are considered to comply with this Standard.

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