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PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Joint Standards Australia/Standards New Zealand Committee AG-008 Gas Distribution, through its subcommittee AG-008-02, Installation and Maintenance of Steel Pipe Systems for Gas, to supersede AS/NZS 4645.2:2008.

The objective of this Standard is to provide for the protection of the general public, gas distribution network operating personnel and the environment, and to ensure safe and reliable operation of gas distribution networks that reticulate gas to consumers.

This Standard covers steel piping within gas distribution networks covered by AS/NZS 4645.1, where the maximum allowable operating pressures up to or equal to 1050 kPa and the hoop stress is less than or equal to 20% SMYS of the pipe. Steel piping systems for gas outside these limits are generally covered by the AS 2885 suite of Standards and for some jurisdictions. AS/NZS 4645.1 provides for limited use up to 1965 kPa.

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4645.2 Part 2: Steel pipe systems (this Standard)
4645.3 Part 3: Plastics pipe systems

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Statements expressed in mandatory terms in notes to tables are deemed to be requirements of this Standard. Alternative means of conformance may be acceptable provided the required safety outcomes can be demonstrated with AS/NZS 4645.1.

The terms ‘normative’ and ‘informative’ have been used in this Standard to define the application of the appendix to which they apply. A ‘normative’ appendix is an integral part of a Standard, whereas an ‘informative’ appendix is only for information and guidance.

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