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PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Standards Australia Committee on Earthworks in response to a widely distributed questionnaire that identified the need for guidance in the interpretation and application of AS 1289, *Methods of testing soil for engineering purposes*, to routine control testing and other relevant matters related to earthworks within commercial and residential developments.

The guidance contained in this Standard on specifying, execution, and control testing of earthworks and application of AS 1289 should reduce contractual disputes and, in many cases, subsequent arbitration or litigation.

In preparation of this Standard reference has been made to Guidelines for the specification and testing of earthworks prepared by the Sydney Group of the Australian Geomechanics Society and the assistance gained from this source is acknowledged.

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