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The objective of the Commentary is to assist in the interpretation and correct application of the provisions of AS 3700, *Masonry structures*, by outlining the background to various requirements of the Standard.

The Commentary does not aim to give a comprehensive textbook treatment of the requirements of the Standard. In particular, the Commentary seeks to avoid repeating technical content that is already covered in detail in the following publications:

(a) 'Australian Masonry Manual' published in 1991 by a joint committee of the Public Works Department, N.S.W. and the Association of Consulting Structural Engineers, N.S.W.

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