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Preface

This Standard was prepared by the Standards Australia Committee LL-001, General Conditions of Contract for Consultants, to supersede AS 4122—2000, *General conditions of contract for engagement of consultants*. The previous edition of this Standard was developed and published by Standards Australia Committee OB-010, Construction Industry Practice.

It is anticipated that the Standard will generate net benefit to the Australian community by providing greater access to a standard form of contract to purchasers and providers of services, particularly in the building and construction industry, by:

- providing fair, reasonable, commercial terms to facilitate widespread utilisation of the Standard by all stakeholders;
- reducing time and resources spent negotiating contractual terms and conditions of engagement;
- streamlining the process of engagement of consultants;
- improving clarity and certainty of contractual terms and conditions between clients and consultants; and
- reducing disputes between clients and consultants based on contractual terms.

Users of this Standard are advised of the importance of completing the Annexures, as in some cases completion of the *Item* is necessary for the operation of the corresponding clause.

The following warnings should be noted:

- (i) This Standard has not been developed specifically for use:
- in a design and construct context; and/or
 - where the *Client* intends to novate this *Contract* with the *Consultant* to another party.

Parties intending to use this Standard in those circumstances should seek advice as to when an alternative contract such as AS 4904—2009, *Consultants agreement—Design and Construct*, may be used.

- (ii) Legislation has come into force in some jurisdictions dealing with security of payments. Parties intending to use this Standard should seek expert advice as to their rights and obligations under such legislation.

This Standard incorporates Amendment No. 1 (Month Year). The changes required by the Amendment are indicated in the text by a marginal bar and amendment number against the clause, note, table, figure or part thereof affected.

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