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## PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Standards Australia Committee BD-090, Bridge Design, in response to numerous requests from industry, designers and representatives in the field of Bridge Design, especially those involved with timber bridges.

This Standard is also designated as Austroads publication AP-G51.9-17.

The objectives of the AS(AS/NZS) 5100 series are to provide nationally acceptable requirements for—

- (a) the design of road, rail, pedestrian and bicycle-path bridges;
- (b) the specific application of concrete, steel, composite and timber construction, which embodies principles that may be applied to other materials in association with relevant Standards; and
- (c) the assessment of the load capacity of existing bridges.

The requirements of the AS(AS/NZS) 5100 series are based on the principles of structural mechanics and knowledge of material properties, for both the conceptual and detailed design, to achieve acceptable probabilities that the bridge or associated structure being designed will not become unfit for use during its design life.

The objective of this Standard (AS 5100.9) is to provide engineers with the requirements for the design and construction of timber bridges and associated structures including members that contain steel connections. In addition, the Standard applies to the design of stress laminated timber decks for bridges.

Whereas earlier editions of the Australian Bridge design were essentially administered by the infrastructure owners and applied to their own inventory, an increasing number of bridges are being built under the design-construct-operate principle and being handed over to the relevant statutory authority after several years of operation. This Standard includes clauses intended to facilitate the specification to the designer of the functional requirements of the owner to ensure the long-term performance and serviceability of the bridge or associated structure.

In line with Standards Australia policy, the words ‘shall’ and ‘may’ are used consistently throughout this Standard to indicate respectively, a mandatory provision and an acceptable or permissible alternative.

Statements expressed in mandatory terms in Notes to tables are deemed to be requirements of this Standard.

The term ‘normative’ has been used in this Standard to define the application of the appendix to which it applies. A ‘normative’ appendix is an integral part of a Standard.

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