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PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Standards Australia Sub-Committee MS-012-02, Railway Crossings for Committee MS-012, Road Signs and Traffic Signals to supersede AS 1742.7—1993. It is one in a series of fourteen Standards which together form the *Manual of uniform traffic control devices*. The series comprises the following Standards:

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1742.14	Part 14: Traffic signals

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This revised Standard results from a recent major review by both road and railway authorities of the safety requirements at railway crossings in terms of signs, markings and delineation.

The principal changes and additions to the previous edition are summarized as follows:

- (a) The Standard now promotes use of the red background position sign, R6-25, for new or replacement signs in preference to the open 'crossbuck' sign, R6-24.
- (b) Provision is made for active advance warning of the activation of railway crossing signals under certain conditions.
- (c) More detail is given for sight distance requirements at passive control crossings for stop and give-way sign control.
- (d) The need to avoid unsafe queuing of traffic on railway crossings upstream of traffic signals is recognized and the use of corrective measures including signs and box markings are specified.
- (e) Standards for pedestrian crossing treatments at railway crossings have been substantially upgraded and now include provision for people with disabilities.

Statements expressed in mandatory terms in notes to figures are deemed to be requirements of this Standard.

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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