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PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Joint Standards Australia/Standards New Zealand Committee QR-011, Environmental Management Systems, to supersede AS/NZS ISO 14001:2004.

The objective of this Standard is to specify the requirements for an environmental management system that an organization can use to enhance its environmental performance.

The objective of the revision is to introduce key improvements such as increased alignment with an organization's strategic direction, proactive initiatives to protect the environment and the inclusion of a life cycle perspective, considering each stage of a product or service, from development to end-of-life. The revised Standard will encourage organizations to consider how external environmental conditions can affect their operations through issues such as climate change as well as identifying the impacts it has on the environment. This will allow organizations to identify broader issues of organizational risk which might compromise their operations and organization.

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