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## PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Standards Australia Committee on Chainsaw Safety to supersede AS 3575—1988, *Brushcutters—Safety requirements*.

This edition incorporates technical changes which have been introduced into related ISO Standards and other documents which are under consideration by the responsible technical committee. Other changes include—

- (a) updating of reference documents;
- (b) adoption of the terms clearing saw, brushcutter and grass trimmer to describe the styles of units covered by this Standard; and
- (c) editorial changes in accordance with Standards Australia policy.

This Standard does not give recommendations for the safe use of clearing saws, brushcutters and grass trimmers. Guidance for safe working is covered in AS 3576, *Brushcutters—Guide to safe working practices*.

This Standard does not prescribe specific methods for the measurement of sound power levels for the purpose of hearing conservation programs. Reference should be made to AS 3534, *Acoustics—Method for measurement of airborne noise emitted by powered lawn mowers, edge and brushcutters, and string trimmers*.

During the development of this Standard, reference was made to the following documentation:

### ISO

- 7916:1989 Forestry machinery—Portable brush-saws—Measurement of hand-transmitted vibration
- 7917:1987 Acoustics—Measurement at the operator's position of airborne noise emitted by brush saws
- 7918:1985 Forestry machinery—Portable brush saws—Circular saw-blade guard—Dimensions
- 8380:1993 Forestry machinery—Portable brush saws—Circular saw-blade—Strength
- 9467:1993 Forestry machinery—Portable chainsaws and brushcutters—Exhaust system-caused fire risk
- 11682:1993 Brush cutters and grass-trimmers—Technical data

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- 11806 Manually portable forestry machinery—Brushcutters and grass-trimmers—Safety requirements and testing

The assistance gained from these documents is acknowledged.

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