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#### **PREFACE**

This Standard was prepared by the Standards Australia Committee IT-006, Industrial Process Measurement, Control and Automation, to supersede AS IEC 61131.4—2004.

The objective of this Standard is to introduce the end-users of Programmable Controllers (PLCs) to the AS IEC 61131 series, and to assist the end-users in their selection and specification of PLC equipment according to the AS IEC 61131 series. This user guideline has as its main audience PLC end-users.

This Standard should be read in conjunction with the other parts of the AS IEC 61131 series.

This Standard is identical with, and has been reproduced from, IEC/TR 61131-4, Ed. 2.0 (2004), *Programmable controllers*—Part 4: *User guidelines*.

This edition differs extensively from the previous (2004) edition. Whereas the previous edition was mainly tutorial in nature, this edition aims to provide an engineering overview of the AS IEC 61131 series for those end-users of PLCs who may not be expected to delve into the extensive details of the AS 61131 series, but wish to understand the benefit of using AS IEC 61131 compliant PLCs.

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61131-5 Part 5: Communications	61131.5 Part 5: Communications	
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61131-8 Part 8: Guidelines for the application	61131.8 Part 8: Guidelines for the application and	
and implementation of programming	implementation of programming	
languages	languages	

The term 'informative' has been used in this Standard to define the application of the annex to which it applies. An 'informative' annex is only for information and guidance.

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