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PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Joint Standards Australia/Standards New Zealand Committee QR-011, Environmental Management Systems and supersedes AS/NZS ISO 14001:1996.

The objective of this Standard is to specify requirements for an environmental management system (EMS) to enable an organization to develop and implement a policy and objectives which take into account legal requirements and other requirements to which the organization subscribes, and information about significant environmental aspects. It applies to those environmental aspects that the organization identifies as those which it can control and those which it can influence. It does not itself state specific environmental performance criteria.

It is identical with, and has been reproduced from, ISO 14001:2004, *Environmental management systems—Requirements with guidance for use*.

Changes to this edition of the Standard include:

- (a) More emphasis on compliance, though there is no tightening of requirements.
- (b) The requirement that an organization needs to define and document the scope of its environmental management system.
- (c) A greater level of harmonization with ISO 9001, though this is not complete and will continue with the next edition.

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