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PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by Standards Australia Committee FP-002, Fire Detection, Warning, Control and Intercom Systems.

This Standard is based on ISO 7240-16:2007, *Fire detection and alarm systems, Part 16: Sound system control and indicating equipment*.

It is intended that this Standard be referenced in AS 1670.4, *Fire detection, warning, control and intercom systems—System design, installation and commissioning, Part 4: Sound systems and intercom systems for emergency purposes* and AS 1670.1, *Fire detection, warning, control and intercom systems—System design, installation and commissioning, Part 1: Fire*.

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FOREWORD

Emergency warning control and indicating equipment (EWCIE) forms part of an emergency warning system (EWS). An EWS operates automatically or manually in a building or structure to alert occupants to a hazard, which may require their evacuation in a safe and orderly manner. Therefore, equipment to warn occupants is required to function after the hazard has been detected. Fire in a building is a common hazard, which is often detected by an automatic fire detection and alarm system. An EWS may operate as part of a fire detection and alarm system or may function in conjunction with other emergency detection systems, such as those for storms, earthquakes and bomb threats. The EWCIE may be a separate unit or may be physically combined with the fire detection control and indicating equipment (see AS 1670.1), or may also be combined with emergency intercom control and indicating equipment (EICIE) complying with AS 4428.4.

This Standard (AS 4428.16) is based on, ISO 7240-16, *Fire detection and alarm systems, Part 16: Sound system control and indicating equipment*, and is drafted on the basis of mandatory functions that are to be provided on all EWCIE, and optional functions (with requirements) which may be provided. Each optional function is included as a separate entity, with its own set of associated requirements, for each Grade of EWCIE specified in Appendix A to comply with this Standard. Other functions associated with an EWS may also be provided, even if they are not specified in this Standard.

The tests specified in this Standard subject the equipment to conditions likely to be met in practice, such as corrosion, vibration, direct impact, indirect shock and electromagnetic interference. Some tests are intended to assess the performance of the EWCIE under such conditions. The performance of the EWCIE is assessed from the results obtained in specific tests. This Standard is not intended to place any other restrictions on the design and construction of such equipment.

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