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PREFACE

This Commentary was prepared by the Standards Australia Committee BD-004, Masonry Structures, to supersede AS 3700 Supp 1—1999, *Masonry in Buildings—Commentary* (Supplement to AS 3700—1998).

The objective of the Commentary is to assist in the interpretation and correct application of the provisions of AS 3700—2001, *Masonry structures*, by outlining the background to various requirements of the Standard.

The Commentary does not aim to give a comprehensive textbook treatment of the requirements of the Standard. In particular, the Commentary seeks to avoid repeating technical content that is already covered in detail in the following publications:

- (a) Australian Masonry Manual, published in 1991 by a joint committee of the Public Works Department, N.S.W. and the Association of Consulting Structural Engineers, N.S.W.
- (b) Current technical literature produced by—
 - (i) Clay Brick and Paver Institute.
 - (ii) Concrete Masonry Association of Australia.
 - (iii) CSIRO, Division of Building, Construction and Engineering (Including the former National Building Technology Centre and Experimental Building Station).

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