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## PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Standards Australia Committee FP-002, Fire Detection, Warning, Control and Intercom Systems to supersede, in part (emergency warning portions), AS 2220.1—1989, *Emergency warning and intercommunication systems in buildings—Equipment, design and manufacture*.

The objective of this Standard is to specify the equipment requirements for a sound system used to assist in the safe evacuation of building occupants in the event of a fire alarm or other emergency.

This Standard is an adoption with national modifications and has been reproduced from IEC 60849:1998, *Sound systems for emergency purposes*, and has been varied as indicated to take account of Australian conditions. The national modifications include a reference to installation requirements contained in AS 1670.4 and maintenance requirements contained in AS 1851 in preference to the requirements in IEC 60849.

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