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PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Standards Australia Committee OB-010, Construction Industry Practice, to supersede AS 4122(Int)—1993, *General conditions for engagement of consultants*.

The previous edition of this Standard was developed and issued to public comment by the Construction Industry Development Agency (CIDA) Code of Practice Working Party and forwarded to the Standards Australia Committee on Construction Industry Practice for endorsement as an Interim Australian Standard.

This edition incorporates the following major changes from the previous edition:

- (a) The Standard has been redrafted into a succinct form with greater emphasis on information to be provided by completing the Annexure.
- (b) The Clauses have been rearranged into a more satisfactory order.
- (c) A new Clause has been added on *Responsibilities and Obligations of the Client*.
- (d) New Clauses have been added on *Variations which Change the Scope of the Services, Variations due to a Change in a Legislative Requirement, Liability of Consultant, Insolvency, and Frustration*.
- (e) Replacement of the word Principal with *Client*.

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- (a) **This Standard has not been developed specifically for projects where—**
 - (i) **the project procurement method is design and construct or a variant of that method; or**
 - (ii) **the Client intends to novate the Contract with the Consultant, to another party.**
- (b) **For the purpose of defining a contract between two parties, the two parties to this Contract are the Client and the Consultant.**
- (c) **The Contract should have regard to AS 4120, *Code of tendering*, and AS 4121, *Code of ethics and procedures for the selection of consultants*.**

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