

# INTRODUCTION

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The Urban Services Standard Specification for Urban Infrastructure Works has been produced to provide a uniform specification for use in the construction of civil engineering and landscaping works within the Australian Capital Territory.

Whilst based on the earlier ACT Public Works Basic Specifications, it has been significantly expanded and updated to include new technologies, Quality Assurance requirements and to bring it into line with Australian best practice.

The Standard Specification has been written primarily for Urban Services Capital Works Contracts and for projects involving the construction of infrastructure destined for transfer to the Urban Services Department, superintended by experienced professional Engineers/Landscape Architects. In the interests of uniform construction standards its appropriate use on other contracts within the ACT is encouraged, but the ACT Government accepts no liability with regard to its use by others.

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The Standard Specification is based on the ACT Public Works Basic Specification Volumes 1, 2 and 4 as well as the official Addenda thereto and the Canberra Landscape Design and Construction Guidelines. It has also incorporated Specifications specifically written for the Department of Urban Services covering Linemarking, Signposting, Streetlights, Topsoil and Select Fill Materials. Technical exception clauses in common use on ACT Government contracts have also been incorporated as have the provisions of many specifications developed for individual ACT Government projects in recent years.

The Standard Specification has been checked for consistency with the relevant Australian Standards referenced therein.

In order to ensure that the Standard Specification reflects current Australian best practice and is consistent with other specifications used commonly throughout the Canberra Region, specifications written by the following organisations were also reviewed.

ActewAGL

AUS-SPEC Joint Venture

Australian Asphalt Pavement Association

AUSTROADS

Cement and Concrete Association

Clay Brick and Paver Institute

RTA NSW

VicRoads

Where the technical requirements of any of these specifications were adjudged to be more suitable than those of the primary sources and consistent with the requirements of the relevant Australian Standards, those technical requirements have been added or substituted as appropriate.

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