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PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Standards Australia Committee CS-029, Walking Track Signs to supersede AS 2156—1978, *Code of practice for the design and use of markers and information signs for walking tracks*, which was withdrawn in July 1998.

In this revision the classification of tracks has been improved, as the recommended spacing and use of markers, the positioning and content of information signs, and the management and design of tracks and associated facilities are related to the particular class of track.

The Committee does not recommend the use of temporary markers, except when tracks and/or associated facilities are used as detours, or for special events.

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SECTION 1 SCOPE AND GENERAL

1.1 SCOPE

This Standard provides a classification system for walking tracks, guidance for the design, fabrication and use of track markers, and information signs to be used for walking tracks.

The Standard also sets out guidelines for the erection of these markers and signs to ensure that while they will be readily visible, clear and easy to read, they will not detract from the landscape.

This Standard applies to outdoor areas where the environment is the focus of recreational activity.

The Standard does not include temporary track markers.

1.2 OBJECTIVE

The objective of this Standard is to provide managing authorities with guidance for walking track classification and signage in order to provide consistency of information to users of walking tracks. This is intended to minimize risk, preserve natural features and enhance recreation opportunities associated with the use of walking tracks.

1.3 REFERENCED DOCUMENTS

The following documents are referred to in this Standard:

AS	
1428	Design for access and mobility (series)
2700	Colour Standards for general purposes
2899	Public information symbol signs
2899.1	Part 1: General information signs
AS/NZS	
1906	Retroreflective materials and devices for road traffic control purposes
1906.1	Part 1: Retroreflective materials

1.4 DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of this Standard the definitions below apply.

1.4.1 Information sign

A sign which provides information related to the track and its use, including advisory signs, descriptive signs, interpretive signs, regulatory signs and warning signs.

1.4.1.1 Advisory sign

A sign which specifies recommended equipment and precautions for the use of a track.