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## PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Australian members of the Joint Standards Australia/Standards New Zealand Committee CT-002, Broadcasting and Related Services. After consultation with stakeholders in both countries, Standards Australia and Standards New Zealand decided to develop this Standard as an Australian, rather than an Australian/New Zealand Standard.

This Standard was prepared in conjunction with the Australian Broadcasting Authority and the television broadcasting industry to ensure consistency of terrestrial broadcasting transmissions and to enable the design of receivers for that service. The Australian Broadcasting Authority has published a set of digital terrestrial television planning parameters in the document *The Digital Terrestrial Television Broadcasting Planning Handbook* which references this Standard.

The objective of this Standard is to provide television receiver manufacturers and broadcasters with the technical specification for the Australian digital terrestrial television transmission system in order to achieve interoperability in digital terrestrial television broadcasting (DTTB) transmission and reception. Standards Australia publishes AS 4933.1 *Digital television—Requirements for receivers, Part 1: VHF/UHF TVB-T television broadcast* which is derived from this Standard.

The Australian DTTB system uses the technical content of relevant ETSI Standards.

Copies of these Standards may be purchased from the relevant standards authorities.

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Within this Standard, organizations referred to by acronyms include—

- (a) Australian Broadcasting Authority ..... ABA
- (b) Digital Video Broadcasting Project ..... DVB
- (c) Digital Television Group ..... DTG
- (d) European Broadcasting Union ..... EBU
- (e) European Telecommunications Standards Institute ..... ETSI

- (f) Free TV Australia.....FTVA
- (g) International Electrotechnical Commission.....IEC
- (h) International Organization for Standardization .....ISO
- (i) International Telecommunication Union.....ITU
- (j) Society of Motion Picture and Television Engineers .....SMPTE

Any international Standard references should be replaced by an equivalent Australian Standard when one is available. The availability of equivalent Australian Standards can be determined either from the Standards Australia catalogue or from the Standards Australia website ([www.standards.com.au](http://www.standards.com.au)), **select** on-line shopping/search for equivalent Standards.

The following Australian/New Zealand Standards referenced in this Standard have been adopted from ISO/IEC Standards.

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13818.2:2002	13818-2:2000
13818.3:1999	13818-3:1998
13818.4:2002	13818-4:1998
13818.5:1999	13818-5:1997
13818.6:1999	13818-6:1995
13818.9:1999	13818-9:1995
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SECTION 1 SCOPE AND APPLICATION

**1.1 SCOPE**

This Standard specifies requirements for digital terrestrial television transmissions in Australia, including the video, audio and data coding, the characteristics of the transport stream, the channel coding and the modulation system to be used.

**1.2 APPLICATION**

This Standard shall be read in conjunction with the referenced international standards detailed in Clause 1.3.

Digital terrestrial television broadcasting in Australia is based on the DVB specifications published in the ETSI Standards referenced in this Standard.

This Standard is set out in Sections, which deal with specific topics in ETSI Standards. These are summarized below:

References			
Section	Title	Number	ETSI Standard
2	Coding	[16]	ETSI TR 101 154 V 1.4.1 (2000-07) Digital Video Broadcasting (DVB); Implementation Guidelines for the use of MPEG-2 Systems, Video and Audio in Satellite, Cable and Terrestrial Broadcasting Applications
3	Teletext/ subtitles	[17]	ETSI EN 300 472 V1.3.1 (2003-01) Digital Video Broadcasting (DVB); Specification for Conveying ITU-R System B Teletext in DVB Bit-streams
		[18]	ETSI EN 301 775 V 1.1.1 (2000-11) Digital Video Broadcasting (DVB); Standard for the Carriage of Vertical Blanking Information (VBI) Data in DVB Bit-streams
		[19]	ETSI EN 300 743 V 1.2.1 (2002-10) Digital Video Broadcasting (DVB); Subtitling Systems
4	Service information	[20]	ETSI EN 300 468 V 1.5.1 (2003-05) Digital Video Broadcasting (DVB); Specification for Service Information (SI) in DVB Systems