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This Standard was prepared by the Joint Standards Australia/Standards New Zealand Committee WS-014, Plumbing and Drainage, to supersede AS/NZS 3500.2:2021.

The objective of this document is to provide installers with deemed to satisfy solutions to comply with —

- (a) the National Construction Code (NCC) Volume Three, Plumbing Code of Australia (PCA); and
- (b) the New Zealand Building Code (NZBC), Clause G13 Foul Water.

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- (i) New requirements for the installation of waterless urinals to reduce the risk of struvite build up, see [Clause 13.24](#).
- (ii) New provisions for the connection of miscellaneous devices and appliances to a sanitary drainage system, see [Clause 13.28](#).
- (iii) Updated requirements for the main lines of a sanitary drainage system serving multi-unit developments of 3 or more residential buildings, see [Section 14](#).
- (iv) Polypropylene (PP) pipes and fittings included as an alternative materials and products for vacuum drainage systems, see [Clause 16.2](#).

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Australian/New Zealand Standard

Plumbing and drainage

Part 2: Sanitary plumbing and drainage

Section 1 Scope and general

1.1 Scope

This document specifies requirements for the design and installation of sanitary plumbing and drainage from fixtures to a sewer, common effluent system or an on-site wastewater management system.

This document applies to new installations as well as alterations, additions or repairs to existing installations.

This document does not apply to the pre-treatment of trade wastes.

This document may be applied to all sanitary plumbing and sanitary drainage installations for relocatable dwellings on long-term sites.

1.2 Application

1.2.1 Australia

This document shall be read in conjunction with the National Construction Code (NCC), Volume Three, Plumbing Code of Australia (PCA).

If alternative Australian or New Zealand Standards are referenced, the Australian Standard shall be used for Australia.

1.2.2 New Zealand

This document shall be read in conjunction with the New Zealand Building Code. It may be used to demonstrate compliance with the New Zealand Building Code, Clause G13 Foul Water.

If alternative New Zealand Standards are referenced, the New Zealand Standard shall be used for New Zealand.

1.3 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document.

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AS 4809, *Copper pipe and fittings — Installation and commissioning*

AS/NZS 1546.1, *On-site domestic wastewater treatment units, Part 1: Septic tanks*

AS/NZS 1546.2, *On-site domestic wastewater treatment units, Part 2: Waterless composting toilets*

AS/NZS 2032, *Installation of PVC pipe systems*

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