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PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Standards Australia Committee MS/12, Road Signs and Traffic Signals to supersede AS 1742.12—1986, *Manual of uniform traffic control devices, Part 12: Bus, transit and truck lanes*. It is one in a series of fourteen Standards which together form the *Manual of uniform traffic control devices*. The series comprises the following Standards:

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1742.1	Part 1: General introduction and index of signs
1742.2	Part 2: Traffic control devices for general use
1742.3	Part 3: Traffic control devices for works on roads
1742.4	Part 4: Speed controls
1742.5	Part 5: Street name and community facility name signs
1742.6	Part 6: Service and tourist signs for motorists
1742.7	Part 7: Railway crossings
1742.8	Part 8: Freeways
1742.9	Part 9: Bicycle facilities
1742.10	Part 10: Pedestrian control and protection
1742.11	Part 11: Parking controls
1742.12	Part 12: Bus, transit, tram and truck lanes (this Standard)
1742.13	Part 13: Local area traffic management
1742.14	Part 14: Traffic signals

Principal variations from the 1986 edition are as follows:

- (a) Inclusion of tram lanes in which there may be full- or part-time restrictions on use by other traffic.
- (b) New requirements for transit lane designation, including use of signs with the legends 'T2' and 'T3'.
- (c) Additional requirements for longitudinal pavement markings.
- (d) Expanded requirements and recommendations for the application of signs and pavement markings including treatment of bus lanes through intersections.

The Transit Lane signs R7-7-1 and R7-7-2 bearing the T2 and T3 symbols in Clause 5.3 are those currently shown in the Australian Road Rules 2000. These signs are under review by both the Committee responsible for the Road Rules and the Committee responsible for this Standard. The possible adoption of alternative signs similar to those shown in Appendix D for the purpose of making the meaning of 'T2' and 'T3' clearer to drivers, is under active consideration and if agreed to will be the subject of a future amendment to this Standard.

The terms 'normative' and 'informative' have been used in this Standard to define the application of the appendix to which they apply. A 'normative' appendix is an integral part of a Standard, whereas an 'informative' appendix is only for information and guidance.

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1 SCOPE

This Standard specifies the traffic control devices required to designate traffic lanes as bus lanes, transit lanes, tram lanes or truck lanes. It also specifies devices for the control or prohibition of truck or bus traffic where required on roadways.

2 OBJECTIVE

The objective of this Standard is to provide road authorities with a set of standards for the uniform application of signs and pavement markings to bus, transit, tram and truck lanes.

3 REFERENCED DOCUMENTS

The following documents are referred to in this Standard.

AS

1743 Road signs—Specifications

AS/NZS

1906 Retroreflective materials and devices for road traffic control purposes

1906.1 Part 1: Retroreflective materials

Road Transport Reform (Australian Road Rules) Regulations 1999—Australian Road Rules 2000

4 DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this Standard the definitions below apply.

4.1 Bus lane

A lane reserved for the use of buses and other vehicles as specified in regulations.

4.2 Traffic control device

Any sign, signal, pavement marking or other installation placed or erected by or with the consent of an authority having the necessary jurisdiction, for the purpose of regulating, warning or guiding road users.

4.3 Tram lane

A traffic lane containing a tram track in which there are full or part-time restrictions on use of the lane by road users other than trams.

4.4 Transit lane

A lane reserved for the use of specified high occupancy and other vehicles as specified in regulations.

4.5 Truck lane

A lane reserved for the use of trucks and other heavy vehicles as specified in regulations.