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## PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Joint Standards Australia/Standards New Zealand Committee CE/19, Utility Services Poles, to supersede AS 4065, *Concrete poles for overhead lines and street lighting* and NZS 3115:1980, *Specification for concrete poles for electrical transmission and distribution*.

The objective of this Standard is to provide the designers manufacturers and purchasers of concrete utility services poles with a specification for their manufacture.

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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## STANDARDS AUSTRALIA/STANDARDS NEW ZEALAND

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## SECTION 1 SCOPE AND GENERAL

**1.1 SCOPE**

This Standard specifies the minimum requirements for materials, design and manufacture of reinforced and prestressed concrete utility services poles.

The Standard applies to concrete poles and their component parts which support any one of street lights, floodlights, aerial conductors, electromotive-transport conductors, traffic signals, communication equipment, or similar utility services, or any combination of these services.

The Standard does not apply to concrete flag poles (see Note 2).

## NOTES:

- 1 Methods for demonstrating compliance with this Standard are given in Appendix A.
- 2 Information on the additional loads induced by the temporary attachment of flags or banners to utility services poles is given in Appendix G of AS/NZS 4676.

**1.2 APPLICATION**

This Standard is not intended to serve as a complete technical specification for the supply of concrete poles, but may form the basis of such a specification. The Standard shall not be interpreted to prevent the use of materials or methods of design or construction not specifically referred to in the document.

For structural design requirements refer to AS/NZS 4676.

**1.3 REFERENCED DOCUMENTS**

The documents referred to in this Standard are listed in Appendix B:

**1.4 DEFINITIONS**

For the purpose of this Standard, the definitions given in AS/NZS 1158.1.1, AS 1798, AS/NZS 4676 and those below apply.

**1.4.1 Along-line direction**

The horizontal direction parallel to the direction of run of the aerial cables.

**1.4.2 Deflection**

The measured distance (in millimetres) between the nominated position of the pole under the influence of the test load and that prior to the commencement of loading.

**1.4.3 Failure**

The inability under test to meet specified limit state criteria.

**1.4.4 Load at the serviceability limit state**

The load corresponding to the maximum load the pole is expected to carry under service load, subject to serviceability requirements.