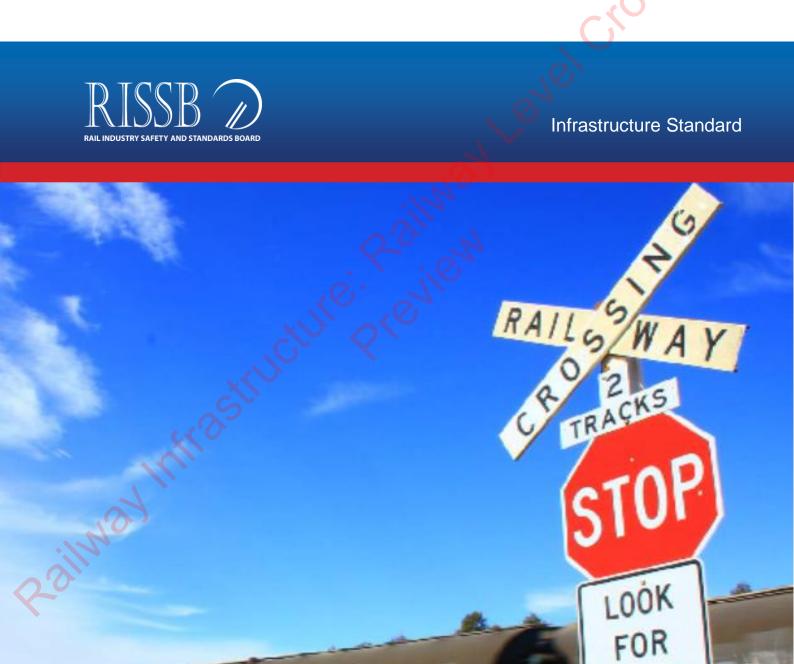


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### 1 Introduction

#### 1.1 Purpose

The objective of this standard is to provide the Australian rail industry with a set of mandatory and recommended requirements to be used to control level crossing risks, and to promote a consistent treatment of Australian level crossings.

The standard is intended to:

- (a) provide a uniform basis for compliance with AS 4292;
- (b) be able to cover differing rail operations across Australia; and
- (c) identify the risks (hazards) being controlled.

### 1.2 Scope

This standard specifies level crossing safety requirements for any member or participant of the Australian rail industry that is involved in any phase of the life cycle of a level crossing.

This standard applies to all heavy railways over 600mm track gauge, including rail freight and passenger networks, heritage and tourist railways and cane railways where appropriate.

This standard applies to level crossings as defined in Section 1.6 of this standard, as limited by Section 1.2 and 1.3.

This standard provides the minimum level crossing requirements, but is not intended to supplant higher performance standards based on local experience and good engineering practice, which may be contained in the level crossing standards, codes, guidelines and procedures of individual States or rail transport operators.

The major level crossing elements addressed in this standard are:

- (a) Safety practices within the level crossing lifecycle, which consists of the following processes:
  - i. requirements definition and analysis;
  - ii. design;
  - iii. construction;
  - iv. testing and commissioning;
  - v. maintenance;
  - vi. modification; and
  - vii. decommissioning.
- (b) Safety requirements for level crossing infrastructure, which may consist of a combination of these components:
  - i. passive traffic control devices;
  - ii. active traffic control devices;
  - iii. train detection system;
  - iv. power supply for level crossing equipment;
  - v. monitoring systems;
  - vi. railway signals for rail vehicles;