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Foreword

This Part of Volume 4 describes principles for track, civil and electrical infrastructure elements. These principles need consideration only when changes are being made, as the Code is not to be applied retrospectively. The demonstration that existing practices are consistent with these principles is not required, as they have been proven acceptable and safe by application over time.

In the application of this Part it is important for the user to consider the track, civil and electrical infrastructure as a whole. In undertaking this necessary holistic approach it is important to take into account all the interactions and interfaces between the infrastructure elements and the phases of the asset life cycle (ie. Design and rating, construction, commissioning, monitoring and maintenance, modification and decommissioning and disposal). In doing so all matters must be applied in a consistent manner between the infrastructure elements, (eg. Consistent design loadings are transferred from the rail into the sleeper and fastening system).

The Part is divided into Sections dealing with specific infrastructure elements. Matters that relate to several infrastructure elements concurrently (eg. Matters that relate to the rail support system) are accounted for by the code addressing these matters in the component elements. The details described in one Section may therefore be inherently linked to those in another Section. The entire Part should therefore be understood prior to application and all interfaces and elements identified and accounted for holistically.

The Code of Practice for the Australian standard gauge rail networks, Volume 1: General Requirements and Interface Management together with Volume 4, Part 1 should be read in conjunction with this Part.

The development of this Part has taken into consideration the practices described in Volume 4, Part 1 and the underlying uniformity and safety principles described in both Volume 1 and AS 4292.1.

Guidelines for the Defined Interstate Rail Network given in Volume 4, Part 3 have been developed to be consistent with the principles in this Part.

The Code currently has a number of issues notated as "To Be Determined". It is envisaged these issues would become the subject of future versions. In the meantime organisations are required to manage these issues in accordance with AS 4292 and any other relevant statutory requirements.

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