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PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Standards Australia Committee EV-018, Arboriculture.

This Standard incorporates Amendment No. 1 (March 2010). The changes required by the Amendment are indicated in the text by a marginal bar and amendment number against the clause, note, table, figure or part thereof affected.

This Standard provides guidance for arborists, architects, builders, engineers, land managers, landscape architects and contractors, planners, building surveyors, those concerned with the care and protection of trees, and all others interested in integration between trees and construction.

This document describes the best practices for the planning and protection of trees on development sites. The procedures described are based on plant biology and current best practices as covered in recently published literature.

The assistance obtained from the 1991 and 2005 editions of BS 5837, *Trees in relation to construction—Recommendation*, along with Matheny and Clark (1998)* and Mattheck and Breloer (1994)* is acknowledged.

The term ‘informative’ has been used in this Standard to define the application of the appendix to which it applies. An ‘informative’ appendix is only for information and guidance.

* See bibliography in Appendix E for details.