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In the preparation of this edition of AS 2124, recommendations contained in the report by the National Public Works Conference/National Building and Construction Council Joint Working Party publication **NO DISPUTE** (May 1990) have been taken into account.

Clauses prefixed by an asterisk are optional, and may be omitted in the Contract as necessary, without making consequential amendments; but such omission should be clearly shown on the face of the Contract by striking out these clauses or indicating clearly elsewhere that they are *not to apply*.

The attention of users of this Standard is drawn to the separate document Doc 2124N, Notes on changes in the General Conditions of Contract 4th edition (AS 2124—1992) as compared with the 3rd edition (AS 2124—1986) which indicates the changes of major importance which have been made in the 1992 edition.

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This unlimited liability overrides any limitations or exclusions permitted under Insurance Clauses 18 (Insurance of the Works) and 19 (Public Liability Insurance).

Parties wishing to limit their liability should seek insurance and legal advice before entering a contract under this Standard.

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