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Preface

The Fifth National Workshop on the Assessment of Site Contamination was held in Adelaide in May 2002 and the proceedings of that workshop are presented in this volume.

The workshop was attended by representatives of environmental protection and health agencies from most Australian jurisdictions. The Ministry for the Environment New Zealand was represented. One representative from each of the industry and the environment sectors also attended. The workshop was sponsored by enHealth Council, Environment Australia the National Environment Protection Council and the Environment Protection and Heritage Council and was organised by NEPC Service Corporation.

The objectives of the 2002 workshop were to:

- provide a forum for the discussion of protocols and policies for the risk assessment and management of contaminated land,
- help the development of a consistent approach to the risk assessment and management of contaminated land across Australia,
- encourage the interchange of state of the art information and ideas, and
- establish the basis for soil criteria for a range of substances and landuse scenarios.

Much valuable information was presented at the Fifth Workshop and publication of the proceedings is intended to make the information more widely available.

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The complex processes for the assessment and management of contaminated land are evolving rapidly. Any comments on the papers in this document may be provided to the NEPC Service Corporation.

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