

2000
THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

(As presented)
(Minister for Urban Services)

**Commissioner for the Environment
Amendment Bill 2000**

**A BILL
FOR
An Act to amend the *Commissioner for the Environment Act
1993*.**

The Legislative Assembly for the Australian Capital Territory enacts as follows:

1 Name of Act

5 This Act is the *Commissioner for the Environment Amendment Act
2000*.

2 Commencement

This Act commences on the day it is notified in the Gazette.

3 Act amended

This Act amends the *Commissioner for the Environment Act 1993*.

29745 (1999/171) (T6/2000)

4 State of the environment report

Section 19 is amended—

- (a) by omitting subsection (1) and substituting the following subsection:

5 “(1) The commissioner must, no later than the reporting day, give a state of the environment report to the Minister for each reporting period.”; and

- (b) by omitting subsection (3) and substituting the following subsections:

10 “(3) The Minister must, within 6 months after receiving a state of the environment report, present to the Legislative Assembly—

(a) a statement that sets out the response of the government to the report; or

15 (b) a statement that sets out the reasons for not presenting a statement under paragraph (a) to the Assembly.

20 “(4) The commissioner must, within 12 months after the Minister presents a state of the environment report to the Legislative Assembly under section 22, give the Minister a recommendation as to—

(a) the day on which the period to be covered by the next state of the environment report should end; and

25 (b) the reporting day, for that period, by which the next state of the environment report should be given to the Minister.

“(5) The Minister must, after considering the commissioner’s recommendation, determine—

(a) a reporting period that must—

30 (i) begin on the day after the end of the period covered by the previous state of the environment report; and

(ii) not exceed 4 years; and

35 (b) a reporting day for that period that must be no less than 3 and no more than 6 months after the end of the reporting period.

“(6) A determination under subsection (5) is a disallowable instrument.

“(7) In this section—

reporting day, for a reporting period, means—

- 5 (a) for the reporting period ending on 30 June 2000—
 30 November 2000; or
- (b) for any other reporting period—the day
 determined by the Minister under subsection (5)
 for that period.

10 **reporting period** means the period beginning on 1 July 1997
 and ending on 30 June 2000 or any other period
 determined by the Minister under subsection (5).”.

5 **Substitution**

Section 22 is repealed and the following section substituted:

15 **“22 Minister to table reports and recommendations**

 The Minister must, within 15 sitting days of receiving a report under
 section 19 or 21 or a recommendation under subsection 19 (4), present the
 report or recommendation to the Legislative Assembly.”.

Endnote

Act amended

1 Republished as in force on 31 December 1997. See also Act 1998 No 54.