

**THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL  
TERRITORY**

**WATER SUPPLY (CHEMICAL TREATMENT) (REPEAL) BILL 1991**

**EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

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### Outline

This is a repealing Bill. It repeals a series of Acts:

*Water Supply (Chemical Treatment) Act 1989*

*Water Supply (Chemical Treatment) (Amendment) Act 1990*

*Water Supply (Chemical Treatment) (Amendment) Act 1991*

This series of Acts has provided for the suspension of the operation of Part VIIIA of the *Electricity and Water Act 1988*. The most recent of the Acts proposed to be repealed provides that Part VIIIA of the *Electricity and Water Act 1988* shall be of no effect for a period expiring on 31 August 1991.

The insertion of Part VIIIA into the *Electricity and Water Act 1988* resulted from the passage of a private member's Bill in September 1989. The part deals with chemical treatment of the Territory water supply and, among other matters, provides that Territory water shall not be fluoridated other than in accordance with the views of Territory electors voting at a referendum on this issue.

Amendments to Part VIIIA of the *Electricity and Water Act 1988*, repealing the provisions dealing with the holding of a referendum on the issue of fluoridation and providing for fluoride to be added to Territory water at a maximum concentration of one milligram per litre, are proposed to be made prior to 31 August 1991.

With new legislative provisions for the fluoridation of Territory water in place, and the *Water Supply (Chemical Treatment) Act 1989*, as amended, of no further effect, as of 31 August, this Bill will repeal the Act and subsequent amending Acts to remove them from the Territory's statute books.

### Revenue/Cost Implications

There are no revenue or cost implications.

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**Clause 1** is a formal clause which refers to the short title of the Bill.

**Clause 2** provides for the repealing Act to come into effect on the same day as the *Electricity and Water (Amendment) Act 1991* commences.

**Clause 3** repeals the *Water Supply (Chemical Treatment) Act 1989*, the *Water Supply (Chemical) Treatment (Amendment) Act 1990* and the *Water Supply (Chemical Treatment) (Amendment) Act 1991*.