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THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN  
CAPITAL TERRITORY

WATER SUPPLY (CHEMICAL TREATMENT) BILL 1989

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

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Part VIIIA of the *Electricity and Water Act 1988* (the Principal Act) was inserted by the *Electricity and Water (Amendment) Act (No. 2) 1989* which commenced on 9 October 1989.

The *Water Supply (Chemical Treatment) Act 1989* suspends the operation of Part VIIIA for a specified period and provides protection from prosecution in respect of offences against section 74B of the Principal Act alleged to have been committed before the commencement of that period.

The purposes and detail of the Act appear in the attachment.

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**Section 1** cites the short title of the Act.

**Section 2** provides that the Principal Act referred to is the **Electricity and Water Act 1988**.

**Section 3** suspends the operation of Part VIIIA of the Principal Act for the period commencing on the commencement of this Act and ending on 30 June 1990.

**Section 4** provides protection from prosecution in respect of offences against section 74B of the Principal Act alleged to have been committed before the commencement of this Act. The section expresses a contrary intention for the purposes of sections 38 and 39 of the Interpretation Act 1967 which would otherwise operate to preserve liabilities incurred under section 74B prior to the suspension of Part VIIIA and permit the institution or continuation of legal proceedings.