

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY  
ADVISORY COUNCIL ORDINANCE 1973

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The proposed Advisory Council Ordinance 1973 will prescribe the formalities which would be necessary should the Advisory Council pass a resolution whereby the term of office of the elected members was to be extended for a period up to a year.

The Ordinance provides, in effect, that where the Advisory Council, before the end of July 1973, advises the Minister that it would be desirable for the elected members to hold office for a specified period, not exceeding a year, beyond their current term, the Minister is to publish in the Gazette a declaration that the term of office shall be so extended. Following such a declaration, the elected members are to hold office until the expiration of the extended period.

The proposed amendment anticipates the introduction of a form of self government in the Australian Capital Territory and is intended to dispense with the need for the election of a new Advisory Council which would hold office for what would be only a short period before its replacement by a more self governing body.