

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY  
FIRE BRIGADE (ADMINISTRATION) ORDINANCE 1974

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

No. 52 of 1974

The proposed Fire Brigade (Administration) Ordinance 1974 will enable the establishment of an independent Fire Brigade for the A.C.T.

The proposed Ordinance will make provision for:

- the appointment by the Minister of a Fire Commissioner with executive responsibility over the Brigade;
- delineation of ranks of officers and firemen;
- appointment of staff and associated staff matters including promotion and retirement;
- discipline covering the duties and obligations of members of the Brigade;
- prescribing of disciplinary offences and powers of the Commissioner in relation to discipline and penalties;
- establishment of a three-member Fire Brigade Appeal Board under chairmanship of a magistrate or legal practitioner;
- a further right of appeal from a decision of the Appeal Board to the Supreme Court;
- a transitional period covering the appointment to the A.C.T. Fire Brigade of persons now employed by the Board of Fire Commissioners of New South Wales.