AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

COMMUNITY AND HEALTH SERVICE REGULATIONS(AMENDMENT)

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

No. 10 of 1988

The Community and Health Service Regulations (Amendment), (the amending Regulations), amended the Health Commission Regulations making them consistent with the <u>Community and Health Service Ordinance 1985</u> (the Principal Ordinance).

Apart from up-dating references to the "Chairman" and the "Capital Territory Health Commission" to "Service" the amending Regulations also provide for an update, cross-references to the Principal Ordinance and introduces a new method of publicising promotions. Previously it was required to be done by display on a notice board at the hospitals. The new provision will enable notice to be given in the Staff Bulletin.

The Service is the new name of the A.C.T. Health Authority which had its functions expanded and name changed to A.C.T. Community and Health Service (the Service) following the commencement of the <u>Community and Health Service (Amendment)</u> <u>Ordinance 1988</u> on 2 July 1988.

Details of the amending Regulations are set out in the Attachment.

ATTACHMENT

Regulation 1 refers to the Health Commission Regulations as the Principal Regulations.

Regulation 2 amends the Principal Regulations by omitting regulations 1 and 2 which are concerned with the new citation for the Amending Regulations and references to the Principal Ordinance.

Regulation 3 amends regulation 4 of the Principal Regulations by changing two cross-references to the Principal Ordinance. Regulation 4 concerns direction relating to re-classification of the positions of staff employed by the Service. The directions are now made under subsections 58 (4) and (5) of the Principal Ordinance.

Regulation 4 repeals regulation 5 of the Principal Regulations. Regulation 5 referred to job selection with reference to seniority. Merit rather than seniority is now considered to be the proper basis for selecting staff employed by the Commonwealth.

Regulation 5 amends regulation 6 of the Principal Regulations by requiring the advertisement of promotions in a newsletter rather than on the hospital notice boards.

Regulation 6 amends regulation 7 of the Principal Regulations by removing the reference to "Chairman" and replacing it with "General Manager". The Service no longer has a Chairman. Regulation 7 provides for the lodgement of appeals.

Regulation 7 amends regulation 8 of the Principal Regulation by changing a cross-reference to the Principal Ordinance. The amendment deletes the reference to section 50, replacing it with section 67. The provision is concerned with appeals and appeals are now made under section 67 of the Principal Ordinance.

Regulation 7 also updates references in regulation 8 to the "Chairman of the Commission" to "General Manager" and "Service" and refers to the "Chairperson of the Staff Appeals Board" rather than the "Chairman".