

Australian Capital Territory

Cemeteries and Crematoria (Public Cemetery Fees) Determination 2013 (No 1)

Disallowable Instrument DI 2013 – 165

made under the

Cemeteries and Crematoria Act 2003, Section 49 (Determination of fees)

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The *Cemeteries and Crematoria Act 2003* (the Act) regulates the operation of cemeteries and crematoria. Section 49 of the Act provides the Minister with the power to determine fees for the purposes of the Act.

Public cemeteries and crematoria are managed by the ACT Public Cemeteries Authority (the Authority). The Authority is required to operate on a sound financial basis.

This determination revokes the previous fee determination (DI2012-134) which set the Authority's fees from 1 July 2012. A new fee determination, with increases, is being made to align with the financial year.

Generally, the total effect of fee increases is a rise of nine percent for a complete burial service. This is in line with the need to bring the fees into line with the requirements from changes to the Perpetual Care Trust Funds arrangements in the Act.

Ancillary and part burial service fees have increased by three percent (the current Wages Price Index).

A small number of fees for specific products have risen above nine percent to reflect actual costs.

Fees for Mausoleum crypts have not been increased. All crypts are sold and fees are maintained to facilitate the transfer of crypts to other Exclusive Rights Holders.

New fees have been proposed in part 3 for additional plaque types and other services.

The new fee determination takes effect on from 1 July 2013.