

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

UTILITIES ACT 2000

DETERMINATION OF INDUSTRY CODES

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

INSTRUMENT NO. 368 OF 2000

The *Utilities Act 2000* is to commence on 1 January 2001. Part 4 of this Act provides for industry codes of practice and Subsection 235(1) provides for 'first' industry codes that may be determined by the Minister prior to commencement of Part 4.

Six industry codes of practice are to be determined and they meet content criteria specified in the Utilities Act. These codes take effect on the day Part 4 commences or if the code provides for a later date of effect – on that day. They are enforced through the Licence and the Independent Competition and Regulatory Commission (ICRC) is to have responsibility for monitoring compliance with these codes.

Following determination, these industry codes apply as if ICRC had determined them under Part 4.