Australian Capital Territory

Motor Accident Injuries (WPI Assessment) Guidelines 2019

**Disallowable instrument DI2019–278**

made under the

Motor Accident Injuries Act 2019, section 146 (WPI assessment guidelines)

**EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**

Under section 146 of the *Motor Accident Injuries Act 2019* (MAI Act) the MAI Commission must make guidelines (the WPI assessment guidelines) for WPI assessments.

A Whole Person Impairment (WPI) assessment of a person injured in a motor accident is an assessment to evaluate and report on the person’s injuries to determine the person’s WPI as a result of the injuries. The WPI assessment guidelines must explain how a person’s WPI is assessed and may state procedures and principles to be followed in making a WPI assessment. The WPI assessment guidelines may also apply, adopt or incorporate a law of another jurisdiction or instrument as in force from time to time.

The WPI assessment guidelines are based on a template guide that was developed through a national process facilitated by Safe Work Australia with some further adjustments to reflect the nature of motor accident injuries. The guidelines adopt the fifth edition of the American Medical Association’s *Guides to the Evaluation of Permanent Impairment* (AMA5) for most cases.

The ACT Government consulted with insurers and other relevant stakeholders in preparing the guidelines.