

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

WATER RESOURCES ACT 1998

APPROVAL OF ENVIRONMENTAL FLOW GUIDELINES

INSTRUMENT NO. 98 OF 1999

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The *Water Resources Act 1998* requires the Environment Management Authority (the Authority) to prepare draft Environmental Flow Guidelines (the Guidelines) and consult with the community on their content prior to submission of the Guidelines to the Minister for approval.

The Guidelines were prepared by the Authority and released for public comment on 17 December 1998. Technical and Community Consultation Workshops were conducted in February 1999. A total of 18 written comments were received. The Guidelines have been amended to incorporate comments received where possible.

The approval is a disallowable instrument for the purposes of section 10 of the *Subordinate Laws Act 1989*.