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THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

(As presented)

(Minister for the Environment and Heritage)

Water Resources Amendment Bill 2019

A Bill for

An Act to amend the *Water Resources Act 2007*

The Legislative Assembly for the Australian Capital Territory enacts as follows:

1 Name of Act

This Act is the *Water Resources Amendment Act 2019*.

2 Commencement

This Act commences on the day after its notification day.

Note The naming and commencement provisions automatically commence on the notification day (see [Legislation Act](#), s 75 (1)).

3 Legislation amended

This Act amends the *Water Resources Act 2007*.

4 New section 11A

in part 2, insert

11A ACT water resource plan

- (1) The ACT water resource plan consists of the following:
 - (a) the environmental flow guidelines, if any;
 - (b) the determination of water management areas;
 - (c) the determination of the total amounts of surface water and ground water available for taking under section 17;
 - (d) guidelines determined under section 18, if any, for working out reasonable amounts of water for particular uses;
 - (e) anything else prescribed by regulation.
- (2) The ACT water resource plan may apply, adopt or incorporate an instrument as in force from time to time.

- (3) The [Legislation Act](#), section 47 (6) does not apply in relation to an instrument applied, adopted or incorporated as in force from time to time under this section.

Note An instrument applied, adopted or incorporated under this section does not need to be notified under the [Legislation Act](#) because s 47 (6) does not apply (see [Legislation Act](#), s 47 (7)).

5 Amounts of water available from areas **New section 17 (2A)**

insert

- (2A) However, the amount determined must not be more than—
- (a) for subsection (1) (a)—the SDL for surface water; and
 - (b) for subsection (1) (b)—the SDL for ground water.

6 New section 17 (6)

insert

- (6) In this section:

Basin Plan means the Basin Plan made under the [Water Act 2007](#) (Cwlth), section 44 (3) (b) (i).

SDL for ground water means the long-term average sustainable diversion limit for ground water for the ACT set out in the Basin Plan.

SDL for surface water means the long-term average sustainable diversion limit for surface water for the ACT set out in the Basin Plan.

Endnotes

1 Presentation speech

Presentation speech made in the Legislative Assembly on 4 April 2019.

2 Notification

Notified under the [Legislation Act](#) on 2019.

3 Republications of amended laws

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