

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

SUPREME COURT AMENDMENT RULES 2004 (No 2)

Subordinate Law SL2004-11

Issued by the Authority of the Judges of the Supreme Court of the Australian Capital Territory

The resident Judges of the Court (of whom there are currently four, including the Chief Justice) or any two of the resident Judges, may make Rules of Court regulating the practice and procedure of the Court pursuant to section 36 of the *Supreme Court Act* 1933.

These rules have been made as part of the process adopted by the Court to modernise the Rules and to provide for more efficient and cost-effective procedures.

The title to proceedings will ordinarily reflect any change to the parties or their names, but these rules are not intended to require any change in an abbreviated title unless the changed party appeared, appears or should appear in the abbreviated title.

These rules permit abbreviations in the title of documents and are specially intended for proceedings where there are multiple parties. They allow a shortened version of title on documents other than those that have a particular formal effect.

The amendments will result in a substantial saving of paper, file volume and expense.