

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

Authorisation Conditions for AGL Canberra Limited

No. 134 of 1992

Explanatory Statement

This instrument determines the conditions on which AGL Canberra Limited has been granted an Authorisation to reticulate gas in the Australian Capital Territory under Section 36 of the *Gas Act 1992* (the Act).

The conditions specify a range of obligations, including the maintenance of a safe gas reticulation system, control over tariff gas prices and provision of financial reporting requirements, considered necessary for effective monitoring by the ACT Gas Authority.

The Act provides a mechanism to facilitate amendment of these conditions when both the Gas Authority and an Authorised Distributor consider such an amendment to be desirable for the continuing effectiveness of gas reticulation in the ACT, and the Minister does not disagree with the proposed change. It also provides for the establishment of an independent review body to arbitrate on any proposed change which the Gas Authority, an Authorised Distributor or the Minister might dispute. In the United Kingdom and New South Wales, where similar systems to this operate, such reviews have been rare or non-existent.