

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

Gas Manual

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EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

With the introduction of reticulated natural gas into Canberra, legislation was considered essential to ensure that gas distributors were authorised by the Government to reticulate gas and that adequate control was available to maintain an economical, reliable and safe form of that energy.

Section 70 of the Gas Act 1992 provides for the Minister to prepare and maintain a Gas Manual. This manual contains, as a minimum, technical requirements and procedures to ensure that –

- (a) industry standards and requirements for the construction, operation and maintenance of gas reticulation systems and of consumer installations are maintained;
- (b) gas appliances are safe and built to existing industry codes;
- (c) minimum standards for the quality of reticulated gas are maintained;
- (d) gas metering devices, used for commercial purposes to measure the quantity of gas used by a consumer, meet an acceptable standard of accuracy and reliability; and
- (e) means exist for consumers to have their gas meter or gas supply checked.

The professional resources required to administer these aspects of the Gas Act 1992 will be employed in the Department of Urban Services which has the responsibility of overseeing these matters within the ACT Government Service.