

**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN
CAPITAL TERRITORY**

LIMITATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1998

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

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OUTLINE

The purpose of this Bill is to reduce the period of time in which a defamation action can be brought before a court from 5 years from publication to 1 year.

CLAUSE NOTES

Clauses 1, 2 and 3 are formal requirements. They refer to the short title of the Bill; specify that the Bill will commence upon being notified in the *Gazette*, and identify the title of the Act being amended.

Clause 4 inserts a new section into the Principal Act which limits the period of time in which a defamation action can be brought before a court from 5 years from publication to 1 year and provides a 1 year lead-in period under certain circumstances.

The Bill has no financial implications for the Territory.