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Outline

The Canberra Institute of Technology (Amendment) Bill 1992 ('the Bill') amends the *A.C.T. Institute of Technical and Further Education Act 1987* ('the Principal Act') to change the name of the Institute and to -

- provide greater freedom to the Institute to enter into contracts without Ministerial approval; and
- make the chairperson of the Vocational Training Authority a member of a renamed Advisory Council and to otherwise increase its membership.

The change of the name of the institution to the Canberra Institute of Technology will enhance the standing of the institution within the community. It also reflects changes of title which have occurred with similar institutions in NSW.

Financial Implications

There are no direct financial implications arising from the Bill.

MAIN AMENDMENTS

Clause 8 of the Bill amends section 4 of the Principal Act by providing that the Institution established under that section shall be known as the Canberra Institute of Technology.

Clause 10 of the Bill amends section 7 of the Principal Act to increase from \$100,000 to \$250,000 the limit on the value of contracts which may be entered into by the Institute without the approval of the Minister.

Clause 12 of the Bill amends section 18 of the Principal Act to provide that the body established under that section shall be renamed the Canberra Institute of Technology Advisory Council.

Clause 13 of the Bill amends section 18B of the Principal Act by increasing the number of members of the Advisory Council from 7 to 11 (subclause 13(a)) and by providing that the Chairperson, or the person acting as the Chairperson, of the Vocational Training Authority under the *Vocational Training Act 1989* is to be one of the 11 members of the Council (subclause 13(c)).

Clause 13 also provides that all the members of the Council, other than those specifically referred to section 18B, must possess relevant expertise in the management and operation of the Institute.

MINOR AND CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS

Clauses 4, 5, 6, 7, 11 and 17 of the Bill effect changes to the Principal Act which are consequential upon the change of name of the Institute and the Advisory Council.

Clause 9 of the Bill repeals section 5 of the Principal Act which is a transitional provision relating to the commencement of the Principal Act and is no longer required. Similarly clause 16 omits subsections 31B(1), (3) and (4) of the Principal Act which are also transitional and no longer required.

Clauses 14 and 15 of the Bill amend sections 18D and 18E, respectively, of the Principal Act as a consequence of the Vocational Training Authority being represented on the Advisory Committee.

FORMAL PROVISIONS

Clauses 1 and 2 are formal provisions relating to the short title of the Bill and its commencement and clause 3 defines the Principal Act. Excluding these provisions, which commence on the Gazettal of the Bill, the Bill commences operation on 1 January 1993.