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**THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR
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**ELECTRICITY AND WATER (AMENDMENT) BILL
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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

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The *Electricity and Water Act 1988* (the Principal Act) provides for the establishment of an Electricity and Water Authority for the Australian Capital Territory and for related purposes. Section 14 of the Principal Act deals with the constitution of the Authority and prescribes that the Authority shall consist of a Chief Executive Officer and three other members. Section 23 (6) prescribes that at a meeting of the Authority, three members shall constitute a quorum.

The purpose of the *Electricity and Water (Amendment) Bill 1990* is to expand the membership of the Authority to consist of a Chief Executive Officer and six other members and to increase the number required for a quorum to four. The amendment reflects the Government's intention to establish the ACT Electricity and Water Authority as a Territory Owned Corporation. A Board comprising three members and the Chief Executive is not considered adequate to the needs of an organisation operating in a business environment.

Remuneration Tribunal determinations prescribe payments for Board members (currently approximately \$12,000 plus travelling expenses).

Details of the provisions of the Bill are included in the Attachment.

ATTACHMENT

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Clause 1 provides that the Bill, once enacted, may be cited as the Electricity and Water (Amendment) Act 1990.

Clause 2 defines the "Principal Act" to be the Electricity and Water Act 1988.

Clause 3 provides that Section 14 (1) (b) is amended so that the number of members is expanded from 3 to 6.

Clause 4 provides that Section 23 (6) is amended so that 4 members will constitute a quorum at a meeting of the Authority.