

Australian Capital Territory

Cemeteries and Crematoria (Public Cemetery Fees) Determination 2007 (No 1)

Disallowable Instrument DI 2007-160

made under the

Cemeteries and Crematoria 2003, Section 49 - Determination of Fees

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The *Cemeteries and Crematoria Act 2003* regulates the operation of cemeteries and crematoria. Section 49 of the Act provides the Minister with the power to determine fees for the purposes of the Act.

Public cemeteries and crematoria are managed by the ACT Public Cemeteries Authority (the Authority). The Authority is required to operate on a sound financial basis.

This determination revokes the previous fee determination (DI 2006 - 85) which set the Authority's fees for the 2006-2007 financial year and to determine fees from 1 July 2007.

Fees have been generally increased by approximately 5.5%, in line with the movement of costs incurred by the broader cemetery industry and to ensure the Authority can meet its long term Perpetual Care Trust obligations under the Act.

A number of new services are to be introduced including:

- a new avenue of Monumental allotments (Oak Boulevard) at Woden Cemetery;
- a service of ledger removal at time of burial;
- new monuments for Family Estates; and
- additional plaque options.

The new fee determination takes effect on from 1 July 2007.