

Water Resources (Water available from areas) Determination 2007 (No 1)

Disallowable Instrument DI2007— 191

made under the

Water Resources Act 2007, Section 17 – Amounts of water available from areas

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The *Water Resources Act 2007* is an Act to provide for the management of the water resources of the Territory, and for related purposes.

Section 17 of the Act provides that the Minister must determine the total amount of surface water that is available for taking from each water management area and the total amount of ground water that is available for taking from each water management area.

The water management areas are provided by Figure 1 and are further described by Table 1.

The amounts specified in Table 1 of the instrument have been calculated on the basis of the Environmental Flow Guidelines and the total water resources of the Territory.

In preparing the table, the water resources management plan prepared under the repealed *Water Resources Act 1998* (as provided by Volume 3, *Think water, act water*) was used as a starting point. Changes made were as a result of allowances being made for evaporation from the major storages under the control of the Territory, stock and domestic use attributable to ACT rural lands, and specific investigations undertaken by the Environment Protection Authority to establish sustainable groundwater yields.

The determination takes effect on 1 August 2007.

The determination under section 17 of the Act is a disallowable instrument.