THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

MAGISTRATES COURT (WATER RESOURCES INFRINGEMENT NOTICES) REGULATION 2007

SUBORDINATE LAW SL2007-30

EXPLANATORY STATEEMENT

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OVERVIEW

Part 3.8 of the *Magistrates Court Act 1930* provides that offences prescribed under regulation can be dealt with by way of an infringement notice. The *Magistrates Court* (*Water Resources Infringement Notices*) Regulation 2007 will enable infringement notices to be issued for a number of offences under the *Water Resources Act 2007*.

The regulation will enable certain offences of taking ground and surface water without a licence, and contravening licence conditions, to be dealt with by way of infringement notice.

SUMMARY OF CLAUSES

- **Clause 1 Name of Regulation** provides that the Regulation is called the *Magistrates Court (Water Resources Infringement Notices) Regulation 2007.*
- **Clause 2 Commencement** provides that the Regulation commences on the day the *Water Resources Act 2007* commences.
- Clause 3 Purpose of Regulation provides that the purpose of this Regulation is to allow for infringement notices under the *Magistrates Court Act 1930*, part 3.8 for certain offences against the *Water Resources Act 2007*.
- **Clause 4 Dictionary** provides that the dictionary (at the end of the Regulation) is part of the Regulation.
- Clause 5 Notes provides that a note included in the Regulation is not part of the Regulation, it is purely explanatory.
- **Clause 6 Administering authority –** provides that the authority mentioned in the Water Resources Act 2007 is the administering authority in relation to the issue of infringement notices.
- Clause 7 Infringement notice offences provides that for an offence against the Water Resources Act as mentioned in schedule 1, there is a corresponding infringement penalty applicable.
- Clause 8 Infringement notice penalties provides the penalties for an offence for both an individual and a corporation in Schedule 1 and also notes the cost of service a reminder notice for an infringement offence.
- Clause 9 Contents of infringement notices other information provides for additional information, other than the offence and penalty, which must be provided in an infringement notice.
- Clause 10 Contents of infringement notices identifying authorised person provides that the infringement notice must fully identify the authorised person.

Clause 11 – Contents of reminder notices – identifying authorised person – provides that a reminder notice must fully identify the authorised person.

Clause 12 – Costs if liability disputed – provides the cost of beginning a proceeding.

Clause 13 – Authorised people for infringement notice offences – provides who may serve an infringement notice and a reminder notice.

Schedule 1 – contains the offences and associated penalties under the Water Resources Act 2007.