

Cemeteries and Crematoria (Public Cemetery Fees) Determination 2008 (No 1)

Disallowable Instrument DI 2008 – 155

made under the

Cemeteries and Crematoria Act 2003, Section 49 (Determination of fees)

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The *Cemeteries and Crematoria Act 2003* regulates the operation of cemeteries and crematoria in the ACT. Section 49 of the Act permits the Minister to set fees for the purposes of the Act.

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

This determination revokes the previous fee determination (DI 2007 - 160) which set the cemeteries authority's fees for the 2007-2008 financial year and to determine fees from 1 July 2008.

Fees have been generally increased by approximately 6.25%, in line with the movement of costs incurred by the broader cemetery industry and to ensure the cemeteries authority can meet its long term Perpetual Care Trust obligations under the Act.

A number of new services are also being introduced including:

- memorial rock garden allotments at Gungahlin and Woden cemeteries; and
- additional vase and urn options.

The determination also sets out refund and credit arrangements for the surrender or transfer of entitlements to allotments and crypts.

The new fee determination takes effect on from 1 July 2008.