## **Explanatory Statement**

## **Utilities (Essential Services Consumer Council) Appointment 2008 (No 1)**

Disallowable Instrument DI2008-172

made under the

Utilities Act 2000, section 174(1)(a)

This instrument appoints Mr Peter Sutherland as the Chairperson of the Essential Services Consumer Council.

The appointment is made under section 174(1)(a) of the *Utilities Act 2000* and is for a period of one year, commencing on 1 July 2008.

The person appointed under this instrument is not a public servant, and therefore provisions of division 19.3.3 of the *Legislation Act 2001* apply to this appointment. As required under this division, the Standing Committee on Legal Affairs has been consulted on this appointment.

Mr Peter Sutherland has previously served as Chairperson on the Council. This instrument is for his re-appointment.