# Gungahlin Drive Extension Authorisation Amendment Regulation 2009 (No 1)

## Subordinate law SL2009-22

made under the

**Gungahlin Drive Extension Authorisation Act 2004** 

# **EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**

#### Overview

The Gungahlin Drive Extension Authorisation Act 2004 is intended to facilitate the construction of the Gungahlin Drive Extension (GDE).

The Act provides the Territory and its agents with the necessary powers to enable completion of the construction of the GDE, including by authorising a Minister to make the required approvals (in whatever form) under relevant laws. Rights to appeal such approvals are limited by the Act so as to ensure that construction of the GDE is not delayed by further expensive and divisive litigation which does not reflect the wishes of the Canberra community as a whole.

Although the Act authorises the Minister to give approvals required by relevant laws for activities directly related to the construction of the GDE, it does not remove any requirement to comply with laws relating to such matters as construction standards and health and safety.

Under Section 14 of the Act, the Act expires 5 years after the day it commences; or if another date is prescribed under the regulations on the date prescribed.

### Detail

This Regulation inserts a new section 5 into the Gungahlin Drive Extension Authorisation Regulation to extend the expiry date of the Act to 31 December 2012.