

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

**PLUMBERS, DRAINERS AND GASFITTERS BOARD (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE
1988**

ORDINANCE NO 13 OF 1988

The Plumbers, Drainers and Gasfitters Board Ordinance 1982 (the 'Principal Ordinance') establishes a Board to licence plumbers, drainers and gasfitters and to fix and assess qualification standards for those licences.

The Plumbers, Drainers and Gasfitters Board (Amendment) Ordinance 1988 ("the Ordinance") results from representations by the Master Plumbers and Sanitary Engineers Association of the ACT.

The Ordinance:

- streamlines administration by allowing an option of a five year licence in addition to the existing one year licence and ending the requirement for all licences to expire on 31 March each year by substituting a new provision that licences will expire on the first or fifth anniversary of their issue, as the case may be; and
- requires a person who connects fire sprinklers to the water supply to be licensed.

The Canberra Sewerage and Water Supply Regulations made under the Building and Services Ordinance 1924 will be amended to require water supply plumbers to take out a permit for work on sprinklers involving connection to the water supply and to provide that such work is to be performed by licensed water supply plumbers, licensed journeyman plumbers or licensed sprinkler fitters.

Details of the amending Ordinance are supplied in the accompanying attachment.

**ISSUED BY AUTHORITY OF THE MINISTER OF
STATE FOR THE ARTS AND TERRITORIES**

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Section 1 cites the short title of the Ordinance.

Section 2 provides that the Ordinance shall commence on 25 March 1988.

Section 3 specifies the Principal Ordinance as the Plumbers, Drainers and Gasfitters Board Ordinance 1982.

Section 4 amends section 24 of the Principal Ordinance by adding a new paragraph 24(1)(h) which allows the issue to a person of a certificate of competency as a "sprinkler fitter".

Section 5 amends subsection 25(1) of the Principal Ordinance by adding a new paragraph 25(1)(m), which creates "a sprinkler fitter's licence" as a further type of licence which may be issued. Section 5 also provides for the omission of subsection 25(2) and substitutes a proposed new subsection 25(2) to provide that applications for licences under section 25 shall be:

- . in writing specifying the type of licence which is sought as well as its intended duration; and
- . accompanied by the determined fee.

Subsection 25(3) is also amended to require a licence to specify the period for which it is to remain in force.

Section 6 amends section 26 of the Principal Ordinance to add the category of sprinkler fitter as one for which a licence may not be issued under section 25 of the Principal Ordinance unless certain qualifications are met.

Section 7 repeals section 29 of the Principal Ordinance and substitutes new sections 29 and 29A. New section 29 provides that a licence unless sooner cancelled or suspended remains in force for a period of 1 year or 5 years (as specified in the licence) commencing on the date of issue, and may be renewed in accordance with section 29A.

New section 29A provides for the Board to renew a licence for 1 or 5 years, upon an application being made and payment of the determined fee.