

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

PUBLIC HEALTH (PROHIBITED DRUGS) (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 1988

No. 95, 1988

The Public Health (Prohibited Drugs) (Amendment) Ordinance 1988 (the Ordinance) amends the Public Health (Prohibited Drugs) Ordinance 1957 (the Principal Ordinance) by omitting two drugs from its list of prohibited drugs as these drugs are being included in the list of restricted substances in the Poisons and Narcotic Drugs Ordinance 1978 which should be supplied on prescription only but which are not addictive. One of the drugs zeranol, will be transferred to allow its use in animal husbandry and the other drug, thalidomide, to allow its use in the treatment of leprosy. These amendments follow the recommendations of the National Health and Medical Research Council.

Section 1 sets out the short title of the Ordinance.

Section 2 provides for the Ordinance to commence on a date fixed by the Minister by notice in the Gazette.

Section 3 amends the Schedule to the Principal Ordinance to omit zeranol and thalidomide from the lists of prohibited drugs. These drugs are listed in the Poisons and Narcotic Drugs Ordinance 1978 by a separate and simultaneous amendment to the Poisons and Narcotic Drugs Ordinance 1978 which makes these substances only available on prescription.