AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

HEALTH PROFESSIONS BOARDS (PROCEDURES) ORDINANCE 1981 No.46 of 1981

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The Health Professions Boards (Procedures) Ordinance 1981 applies uniform procedures to the following health professions registration boards of the Australian Capital Territory:

- . Dental Board.
- . Medical Board,
- . Nurses Registration Board,
- . Optometrists Board,
- . Pharmacy Board,
- . Physiotherapists Board, and
- . Veterinary Surgeons Board.

The Health Professions Boards (Procedures) Ordinance 1981 provides for -

- . the status and membership of the boards,
- the conduct of proceedings at meetings of boards, and
- the procedures which should be followed by boards in the conduct of disciplinary hearings.

Amendment of the Ordinances which establish each of the boards consequential upon the Health Professions Boards (Procedures) Ordinance have also been made.

The procedural system created by the legislation conforms with the standards expected of statutory authorities in the exercise of their discretions at first instance by appellate bodies such as courts and the Administrative Appeals Tribunal.

The Health Professions Boards (Procedures) Ordinance 1981 will not apply to a particular board until a date fixed by the Minister for Health by notice published in the Gazette.