AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

DOG CONTROL ORDINANCE 1975

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The proposed Dog Control Ordinance 1975 will repeal the existing Dogs Registration Ordinance 1926-1967 and replace that Ordinance with new provisions aimed at achieving a greater degree of control over dogs.

The major changes which the proposed Ordinance will introduce are as follows:

- dogs will need to be registered yearly with fees of \$5 for unsterilized dogs and \$2.50 for sterile dogs;
- owners who allow their dogs to be at large will be subject to penalties;
- an owner will be required to remove his dog's faeces from pedestrian areas, schools, playing areas and certain other specified areas;
- the taking of dogs (other than guide dogs) into school grounds, playing areas or into certain other specified areas will be restricted; and
- increased fees will be payable for the return of impounded dogs.

The A.C.T. Legislative Assembly has agreed to the proposed Ordinance.

Minister's Initials