

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

MILK AUTHORITY ORDINANCE 1972

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

No. 15 of 1972

Pursuant to the Milk Authority Ordinance 1971, the Minister can direct the Milk Authority to hold an inquiry in camera into the supply, collection, processing, storage and distribution of milk in the Australian Capital Territory.

The proposed Ordinance will enable such inquiries to be held in public. However, provisions will be included to permit a person to give evidence in private on the grounds that the evidence is of a confidential nature or would be prejudicial to the interests of any person.

Owing to objections raised by the Senate Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances to certain provisions of the existing legislation which made it an offence for a person to carry on business unless there was in force a certificate by the Director-General of Health that his premises, machinery and equipment conformed to the standards specified in the Public Health (Dairy) Regulations, the proposed Ordinance will replace these provisions by provisions which will make it a condition of a licence that the premises, machinery and equipment comply with the Public Health (Dairy) Regulations.

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