

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

ELECTRICITY ORDINANCE 1971

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

No. 30 of 1971

The proposed Electricity Ordinance 1971 will –

- establish a system for the licensing of electrical contractors and electricians,
- ensure that electrical wiring work is carried out safely, and
- prohibit the disposal of unsafe articles of electrical equipment in the A.C.T.

The scheme provides for three classes of licences (to replace the present system of wiremen's licences), namely –

- electrical contractor's licence;
- electrician's licence Grade A; and
- electrician's licence Grade B.

In general –

- holders of Grade A or B licences will be employees of electrical contractors; and
- only the holder of an electrical contractor's licence will be permitted to deal direct with the public.

The scheme will be administered by the A.C.T. Electricity Authority which will be empowered to grant, refuse to grant, renew, refuse to renew, cancel or suspend licences in accordance with the Ordinance.

Provision is made for an appeal to the Supreme Court against the refusal, suspension or cancellation of an electrical contractor's licence, and to the Court of Petty Sessions against the refusal, suspension or cancellation of other licences.

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