

Australian Capital Territory

Cemeteries and Crematoria (Public Cemetery Fees) Determination 2011 (No 1)

Disallowable Instrument DI 2011 – 134

made under the

Cemeteries and Crematoria Act 2003, Section 49 (Determination of fees)

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The *Cemeteries and Crematoria Act 2003* (the Act) regulates the operation of cemeteries and crematoria. Section 49 of the Act provides the Minister with the power to determine fees for the purposes of the Act.

Public cemeteries and crematoria are managed by the ACT Public Cemeteries Authority (the Authority). The Authority is required to operate on a sound financial basis.

This determination revokes the previous fee determination (DI 2010-155) which set the Authority's fees from 1 July 2010. A new fee determination, with increases, is being made to align with the financial year.

Generally, the total effect of fee increases is a rise of approximately six percent, in line with the movement of costs incurred by the broader cemetery industry and to ensure the Authority can meet its long term Perpetual Care Trust obligations under the Act.

Fees for Mausoleum crypts have not been increased, due to a significant fall in the number of sales of crypts and their relatively high fee. Part 2A provides a breakdown of the fee.

New fees have been proposed in part 3 for additional plaque types and other services.

The new fee determination takes effect on from 1 July 2011.