

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

PUBLIC BATHS AND PUBLIC BATHING ORDINANCE 1961

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

No. 6 of 1961

The Public Baths and Public Bathing Ordinance 1956-1959 requires several amendments to overcome problems that have arisen in its operation. The matters contained in this proposed Ordinance relate to the approval of swimming coaches at public baths and the prevention of the distribution of litter in public baths or near the banks of rivers.

It is proposed that provision should be made to restrict a person from using the facility of public baths for the purpose of private gain, where his activities could interfere with the enjoyment of the facility by other people. Clause 2 inserts a new provision under which a person must obtain approval of the Minister or a person authorised by him, before he can teach swimming or coach swimmers in public baths.

It is an offence under sections 17 (e) and 32 (a) of the Ordinance to deposit broken glass or earthenware in public baths or near the banks of rivers. If whole articles of glass, earthenware or tin are deposited they may easily be broken or become dangerous. By clauses 3 and 4 the two sections are being extended to prohibit the deposit of articles of glass, earthenware or tin in these places.