

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

CANBERRA COMMUNITY HOSPITAL ORDINANCE 1955

ALTERATION TO THE COMPOSITION OF THE HOSPITAL BOARD

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

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For some time it has been felt that there is room for improvement in the method of obtaining a Hospital Board. With the increasing complexity of modern Hospital Administration it is necessary that the Board consist of persons who will be able to make a positive contribution to the management of hospital affairs.

At present, there are six members on the Board; one is appointed by the Minister while the remaining five are elected. In the past it has been found that the type of person submitting himself for election is generally not likely to provide the Board with the skill and technical knowledge required for the efficient administration of a major hospital.

To overcome this defect of the existing system of elections, it is proposed to increase the number of members nominated by the Minister to three while the number elected will remain at five making a total of eight members. This will enable the inclusion of skilled persons while not affecting the position of the elected representatives.

The amendment will come into effect on 1st February 1956.