

**AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY**

***UTILITIES ACT 2000***

**DETERMINATION OF TECHNICAL CODES**

**EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**

**INSTRUMENT NO. 369 OF 2000**

The *Utilities Act 2000* is to commence on 1 January 2001. Part 5 of this Act provides for technical codes of practice and Subsection 236(1) provides for 'first' technical codes that may be determined by the Minister prior to commencement of Part 4.

Thirteen technical codes of practice are to be determined and they meet content criteria specified in the Utilities Act. These codes take effect on the day Part 5 commences or if the code provides for a later date of effect – on that day. They are enforced through the Licence and the Chief Executive of the Department of Urban Services is to have responsibility for monitoring compliance with these codes.

Following determination, these technical codes apply as if the Minister had determined them under Part 5.