

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

UTILITIES ACT 2000

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

INSTRUMENT NO. 370 OF 2000

The *Utilities Act 2000* is to commence on 1 January 2001. This Act establishes a licensing scheme for electricity, gas, water and sewerage utilities in the Territory. Existing licence holders and water and sewerage utilities will continue to operate under the old scheme legislative arrangements until the Independent Competition and Regulatory Commission (ICRC) and utilities are able to fulfil the new licence application and grant processes specified in the Utilities Act.

This notice of exemption under section 22 of the Utilities Act will ensure that the various bodies will not be in breach of the Utilities Act prior to formal grant of individual Licences. The exemption expires on 1 June 2001. This exemption notice does not prevent utilities from applying for Licences under the Utilities Act or being granted Licenses by ICRC before 1 June 2001.