

Co-operatives National Law (ACT) (Fees) Determination 2017

Disallowable instrument DI2017-271

made under the

Co-operatives National Law (ACT) Act 2017, schedule 1 (Modifications – Co-operatives National Law)

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The *Co-operatives National Law (ACT) Act 2017* adopts the Co-operatives National Law (CNL), which is contained in an appendix to the New South Wales *Co-operatives (Adoption of National Law) Act 2012*.

The CNL modernises law for co-operatives by creating a consistent regulatory framework for co-operatives operating throughout Australia.

The *Justice and Community Safety Legislation Amendment Act 2017 (No 3)* amended the Co-operatives National Law (ACT) Act so that fees are determined by disallowable instrument rather than being prescribed by local regulations. A consequential amendment was made to repeal schedule 1 of the *Co-operatives National Law (ACT) Regulation 2017*, which contained a schedule of prescribed fees for the Co-operatives National Law (ACT) Act.

This determination replaces schedule 1 of the Regulation. The fee for an application to use an abbreviation or elaboration of the name of a co-operative and the fee for an application to the Registrar to grant an extension or shortening of time limits have not been included in the determination. These fees have been removed because there is no direct authority to charge them under the CNL and these fees have not been charged previously.

These modifications align with normal ACT Government practice, allow for greater administrative efficiency and make it easier to locate the source of authority for the fees.