

Australian Capital Territory

Urban Forest (Fees) Determination 2026

Disallowable instrument DI2026-131

made under the

Urban Forest Act 2023, s 143 (Determination of fees)

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

This explanatory statement relates to the *Urban Forest (Fees) Determination 2026* (the *instrument*) as presented to the Legislative Assembly (the *Assembly*). It has been prepared to assist the reader of the instrument. It does not form part of the instrument and has not been endorsed by the Assembly. The statement must be read in conjunction with the instrument. It is not, and is not meant to be, a comprehensive description of the instrument.

Overview

Section 143 of the *Urban Forest Act 2023* (the *Act*) provides that the Minister may determine fees for the Act.

The purpose of the instrument is to determine fees under the Act for the 2026-27 financial year.

The regulatory fees in the determination which applied in the 2025-26 financial year, have been increased by 3.60% for the 2026-27 financial year based on the wage price index (*WPI*) of 3.25%, as per Government policy, plus an additional 0.35% as per the decision in the 2023-24 Budget, for a total increase of 3.60%, rounded where appropriate.

The instrument commences on 1 July 2026.

The instrument revokes *Urban Forest (Fees) Determination 2025 (No 1)* (DI2025-95).

The determination under section 143 of the Act is a disallowable instrument and must be presented to the Assembly not later than 6 sitting days after its notification day, pursuant to section 64 of the *Legislation Act 2001* (the *Legislation Act*).

Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS)

A RIS is not required for this instrument as section 36 (1) (k) of the Legislation Act, which provides that a RIS need not be prepared for an amendment of a fee consistent with announced government policy.

Human Rights

The Standing Committee on Legal affairs (Legislative Scrutiny Role) terms of reference require consideration of human rights impacts, among other matters. In this case, no human rights are impacted.