

Australian Capital Territory

Water and Sewerage (Fees) Determination 2026

Disallowable instrument DI2026-172

made under the

Water and Sewerage Act 2000, s 45 (Determination of fees)

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

This explanatory statement relates to the *Water and Sewerage (Fees) Determination 2026* 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.

Outline

Section 45 of the *Water and Sewerage Act 2000* (the *Act*) permits the Minister to determine fees for the purposes of the Act.

The purpose of this instrument is to determine the fees for goods and services 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 3.25% for the 2026-27 financial year based on the wage price index (*WPI*) 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%.

The instrument commences on 1 July 2026.

This instrument revokes the *Water and Sewerage (Fees) Determination 2025* (DI2025-173).

A determination under section 45 of the Act is a disallowable instrument and must be presented to the Legislative Assembly not later than 6 sitting days after its notification day, pursuant to the *Legislation Act 2001* (the *Legislation Act*), section 64.

Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS)

A RIS is not required for this fee determination due to 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.