

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

BUILDING ACT 1972

NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF THE BUILDING CODE

NO. 169 OF 1997

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The Building Act 1972 (the Act) relates to the erection, alteration and demolition of buildings. Section 24 allows the Minister to prepare and publish a Building Code for the technical requirements and standards of buildings. The Minister may adopt the provisions of the Building Code of Australia (BCA) with modifications specified in the ACT Appendix to the BCA to suit local conditions.

The BCA is prepared and published by the Australian Building Codes Board, a co-operative organisation of building regulatory authorities established by agreement between the Commonwealth Government and each State and Territory. New instruments have been made preparing and publishing a new Building Code which adopts the 1996 edition of the BCA with Amendment 1 and the ACT Appendix, both of which will be published in the Gazette.

Section 25 of the Act requires the Minister to publish a notice of the preparation of the Building Code in the Gazette and a daily newspaper published and circulated in the Australian Capital Territory. This instrument is to be published in the Canberra Times giving notice of the preparation of the Building Code and the ACT Appendix as required under section 25 of the Act.