

# AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

## AIR POLLUTION ACT 1984

### EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

NO. 24 OF 1994

#### Outline

The *Air Pollution Act 1984* (the Act) provides for the control of emissions from stationary sources including heating and cooking appliances used on residential premises. The Act also specifies the maximum lead content in petrol.

Section 7(1) of the Act provides for the creation of the position of Pollution Control Authority (the Authority) who is appointed by the Minister.

In particular section 24A(1) of the Act prescribes that solid fuel-burning equipment shall not be sold for use on residential premises unless it complies with Australian Standard AS 4013 and a certificate of compliance has been issued by a person or body authorised by the Authority.

In order to avoid duplication of work and minimise impost on industry it has been agreed by state and territory environmental agencies that a central agency be appointed to certify the correctness of documentation and to issue a certificate of compliance. It has been agreed that the Energy Information Centre, Department of Mines and Energy, South Australia be the national Clearing House.

The purpose of this instrument is to appoint an officer from the Energy Information Centre as the Authority's agent in respect of the issuing of certificates of compliance.

Section 24(4) of the Act provides for the instrument of appointment issued by the Authority to be a disallowable instrument for the purposes of section 10 of the *Subordinate Laws Act 1989*.