

## **AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY**

### **BUILDING ACT 1972**

#### **DISALLOWABLE INSTRUMENT FOR THE PURPOSES OF SUBSECTION 24(2)**

#### **EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**

NO 143 OF 1994

The *Building Act 1972* (the Act) regulates the erection, alteration and demolition of buildings. Section 24 of the Act provides for the technical requirements for these to be specified in the Building Code and allows the Minister to have prepared and published an ACT Appendix to the Building Code of Australia (BCA) to provide for standards distinctive to the ACT.

The ACT Appendix published by the Australian Uniform Building Regulations Co-ordinating Council (AUBRCC) in the 1990 edition of the BCA with its fifth amendment and additions to the ACT Appendix requiring fire resistance in thermal insulation material and smoke alarms in all residential buildings were published as an instrument dated 27 June 1994 and notified in Special Gazette No S130 of 1 September 1994.

The present instrument publishes the ACT Appendix as published by AUBRCC in the 1990 edition of the BCA with its seventh amendment. The most important changes are considered to be in the areas of

- protection against termites
- slip resistance
- swimming pool safety

A full list of changes is published by AUBRCC with the amendment and a set of explanatory notes is available from ACT Building Control.

The ACT Appendix is part of the Building Code provided for in section 24 of the Act and comes into effect with the publication of notice of it in the Gazette.