

DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL FLOW GUIDELINES

The ACT *Water Resources Act 1998* was passed in the Legislative Assembly on 26 November 1998. The Act provides for the sustainable management of surface and groundwater resources of the Territory. Section 5 of the Act requires that guidelines for ascertaining flows necessary to maintain aquatic ecosystems are developed.

Draft Environmental Flow Guidelines are now available for public comment until 16 February 1999. Copies can be obtained free of charge from ACT Government Shopfronts and the Environment ACT Information Centre, Level 2, Macarthur House, 12 Wattle Street, Lyneham or the Land and Planning Shopfront, Ground Floor, Dame Pattie Menzies Building, Challis Street, or by contacting the Environment ACT Helpline on 6207 9777. Copies are available to be read at local libraries.

Written comments are invited on all aspects of the Draft Guidelines.

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