

# Climate Change and Greenhouse Gas Reduction (Renewable Electricity Target) Amendment Act 2019

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An Act to amend the Climate Change and Greenhouse Gas Reduction Act 2010

The Legislative Assembly for the Australian Capital Territory enacts as follows:

## 1 Name of Act

This Act is the Climate Change and Greenhouse Gas Reduction (Renewable Electricity Target) Amendment Act 2019.

## 2 Commencement

This Act commences on the day after its notification day.

*Note* The naming and commencement provisions automatically commence on the notification day (see Legislation Act, s 75 (1)).

## 3 Legislation amended

This Act amends the *Climate Change and Greenhouse Gas Reduction Act 2010*.

## 4 Legislation repealed

The Climate Change and Greenhouse Gas Reduction (Renewable Energy Targets) Determination 2016 (DI2016-38) is repealed.

# 5 Objects of Act Section 5 (a)

substitute

- (a) to set targets to—
  - (i) reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the ACT; and
  - (ii) increase renewable energy use in the ACT; and
  - (iii) increase renewable energy generation for the ACT; and

## 6 Section 5 (b)

omit

in the ACT

# 7 Renewable energy targets Section 9 (1)

substitute

- (1) The target for the use of renewable electricity in the ACT is 100% on and from 1 January 2020.
- (1A) The Minister may determine a target for—
  - (a) the generation of renewable electricity for the ACT; and
  - (b) the use of renewable energy in the ACT other than electricity; and
  - (c) the generation of renewable energy for the ACT other than electricity.

#### 8 New section 10

insert

# 10 Measuring renewable energy targets—determinations

(1) The Minister must determine a method for measuring compliance with a target mentioned in or determined under section 9 (a *renewable energy target*).

*Note* The power to make an instrument includes power to do the following:

- (a) amend or repeal it (see Legislation Act, s 46);
- (b) make different provision for different categories (see Legislation Act, s 48).

(2) A determination is a disallowable instrument.

*Note* A disallowable instrument must be notified, and presented to the Legislative Assembly, under the Legislation Act.

- (3) In making a determination, the Minister must—
  - (a) seek, and have regard to, the advice of an independent entity to assist the Minister to determine the method for measuring compliance with a renewable energy target; and
  - (b) as far as practicable, ensure consistency with the best national and international practices in relation to measuring compliance with a renewable energy target.

# 9 Annual report by independent entity Section 12 (2) (b)

omit the first mention of

part 2

insert

or determined under section 6, section 7 and section 8 (the *greenhouse gas emissions targets*)

## 10 Section 12 (2) (b) (i)

omit

targets mentioned in part 2

insert

greenhouse gas emissions targets

# 11 Section 12 (2) (b) (iii)

after

changes in

insert

amounts of

# 12 New section 12 (2) (ba)

insert

- (ba) an analysis of the ACT's progress in meeting a target mentioned in or determined under section 9 (a *renewable energy target*), including—
  - (i) compliance with the renewable energy target, measured using the method determined under section 10; and
  - (ii) identification of the main sources of renewable energy generated for the ACT; and
  - (iii) identification of possible reasons for changes in the amount or percentage of renewable energy used in or generated for the ACT from previous years; and

#### **Endnotes**

#### 1 Presentation speech

Presentation speech made in the Legislative Assembly on 16 May 2019.

## 2 Notification

Notified under the Legislation Act on 14 June 2019.

## 3 Republications of amended laws

For the latest republication of amended laws, see www.legislation.act.gov.au.

I certify that the above is a true copy of the Climate Change and Greenhouse Gas Reduction (Renewable Electricity Target) Amendment Bill 2019, which was passed by the Legislative Assembly on 6 June 2019.

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

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