

1999
THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

(As presented)

(Ms Tucker)

**Environment Protection Amendment Bill
(No 2) 1999**

A BILL

FOR

**An Act to amend the *Environment Protection Act 1997* and
for other purposes**

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

1 Name of Act

This Act is the *Environment Protection Amendment Act (No 2)*
5 1999.

2 Commencement

This Act commences on the day it is notified in the Gazette.

3 Insertion

Before section 159 of the *Environment Protection Act 1997* the
10 following section is inserted in Part 14:

Job No: 1999/223

“158A Annual reports to deal with environmental matters

“(1) The chief executive of an administrative unit must ensure that a report under section 7 of the *Annual Reports (Government Agencies) Act 1995* complies with subsection (3).

5 “(2) A public authority (as defined in the *Annual Reports (Government Agencies) Act 1995*) must ensure that a report under subsection 8 (1) or paragraph 8 (5) (a) of that Act complies with subsection (3).

“(3) A report described in subsection (1) or (2) relating to a body or person (the *reporter*) for a period must—

- 10 (a) include a report on how the actions of, and the administration (if any) of legislation by, the reporter during the period accorded with the principles of ecologically sustainable development; and
- (b) identify how the outputs (if any) specified for the reporter in budget papers laid before the Legislative Assembly with an
- 15 Appropriation Act relating to the period contributed to ecologically sustainable development; and
- (c) document the effect of the reporter’s actions on the environment; and
- (d) identify any measures the reporter is taking to minimise the
- 20 impact of actions by the reporter on the environment; and
- (e) identify the mechanisms (if any) for reviewing and increasing the effectiveness of those measures.

“(4) In this section—

25 *ecologically sustainable development* has the meaning given by subsection 3 (2).

principles of ecologically sustainable development means the principles set out in paragraphs 3 (2) (a) to (d).”

4 Amendments of the Auditor-General Act

30 The *Auditor-General Act 1996* is amended as set out in the schedule.

SCHEDULE

(Sec s 4)

AMENDMENTS OF THE AUDITOR-GENERAL ACT 1996

Subsection 3 (1)—

Insert the following definition:

- 5 “*public authority* has the same meaning as in the *Annual Reports (Government Agencies) Act 1995*.”

Paragraph 12 (1) (b)—

Omit the paragraph, substitute the following paragraph:

“(b) a public authority;”.

10 **Paragraph 15 (1) (a)—**

Omit “Territory entity”, substitute “public authority”.

Endnote

Act amended

- 1 Act 1997 No 92 (not republished). See also Acts 1998 No 52; 1999 No 54.