

1997
THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

(As presented)

(Minister for Urban Services)

**Electricity (National Scheme)
(Consequential Amendments) Bill 1997**

A BILL

FOR

**An Act to amend certain laws of the Territory in
consequence of the enactment of the *Electricity
(National Scheme) Act 1997***

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

Short title

- 5 **1.** This Act may be cited as the *Electricity (National Scheme)
(Consequential Amendments) Act 1997*.

Commencement

- 2.** This Act commences on the day on which section 3 of the *Electricity
(National Scheme) Act 1997* commences.

87056 (1997/088) (T56/1997)

Amendment of Acts

3. The Acts specified in the Schedule are amended as set out in the Schedule.

SCHEDULE

Section 3

AMENDMENTS OF ACTS

Freedom of Information Act 1989

Subsection 4 (1) (definition of “enactment”)—

- 5 Add at the end “but does not include the National Electricity (ACT) Law the provisions of which are applied by section 5 of the *Electricity (National Scheme) Act 1997* or the National Electricity Code approved under section 6 of that Law”.

New section 4A—

- 10 After section 4 insert the following section:

Application

“4A. (1) This Act does not apply to an agency with respect to functions performed by it as an agent for NECA or NEMMCO under the National Electricity Code.

- 15 “(2) In this section—

‘National Electricity Code’ means the National Electricity Code approved under section 6 of the National Electricity (ACT) Law;

‘National Electricity (ACT) Law’ means the provisions applied by section 5 of the *Electricity (National Scheme) Act 1997*;

- 20 ‘NECA and NEMMCO’ have the same respective meanings as in the National Electricity (ACT) Law.”.

Ombudsman Act 1989

Subsection 3 (1) (definition of “enactment”)—

- 25 Add at the end “but does not include the National Electricity (ACT) Law the provisions of which are applied by section 5 of the *Electricity (National Scheme) Act 1997* or the National Electricity Code approved under section 6 of that Law”.

New section 3A—

After section 3 insert the following section in Part I:

- 30 **Application**

“3A. (1) This Act does not apply to an agency with respect to functions performed by it as an agent for NECA or NEMMCO under the National Electricity Code.

SCHEDULE—continued

“(2) In this section—

‘National Electricity Code’ means the National Electricity Code approved under section 6 of the National Electricity (ACT) Law;

5 ‘National Electricity (ACT) Law’ means the provisions applied by section 5 of the *Electricity (National Scheme) Act 1997*;

‘NECA and NEMMCO’ have the same respective meanings as in the National Electricity (ACT) Law.”.

Public Interest Disclosure Act 1994

10 **Subsection 3 (1) (definition of “government agency”, paragraph (c))—**

Add at the end “, other than the holder of a statutory office under the National Electricity Code”.

Subsection 3 (1)—

Insert the following definitions:

15 “ ‘National Electricity Code’ means the National Electricity Code approved under section 6 of the National Electricity (ACT) Law;

‘National Electricity (ACT) Law’ means the provisions applied by section 5 of the *Electricity (National Scheme) Act 1997*.”.