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A Bill for

An Act to amend the Administrative Decisions (Judicial Review) Act 1989

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

1 Name of Act

This Act is the Administrative Decisions (Judicial Review) Amendment Act 2013.

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 Administrative Decisions (Judicial Review) Act 1989.

4 Dictionary Section 2, note 1

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'person aggrieved—see section 3B.' means that the term 'person aggrieved' is defined that section.

substitute

'conduct engaged in for the purpose of making a decision—see section 3C.' means that the term 'conduct engaged in' is defined in that section.

5 Meaning of person aggrieved Section 3B

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6 New section 4A

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4A Who may make an application under this Act

- (1) A person (an *eligible person*) may make an application under this Act unless—
 - (a) the enactment to which the subject matter of the application relates states that the subject matter may not be challenged by the person; or
 - (b) it would not be in the public interest to allow the person to make the application because it would unreasonably interfere with the ability of someone who has a private interest in the subject matter of the application to deal with it differently or at all.
- (2) The Supreme Court may at any time, on application by a party, refuse to hear the application or dismiss the application if satisfied that the applicant is not an eligible person.

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7 Applications for review of decisions Section 5 (1)

omit everything before paragraph (a), substitute

(1) An eligible person may apply to the Supreme Court for an order of review in relation to a decision to which this Act applies on 1 or more of the following grounds:

8 Applications for review of conduct related to making of decisions Section 6 (1)

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a person aggrieved by the conduct

substitute

an eligible person

Applications for failures to make decisionsSection 7 (1)

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a person aggrieved by the failure to make the decision

substitute

an eligible person

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10 Section 7 (2)

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a person aggrieved by the failure

substitute

an eligible person

11 Application to be made a party to a proceeding Section 12 (1)

substitute

(1) An eligible person may apply to the Supreme Court to be made a party to an application made under this Act.

12 New section 19A

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19A Intervention by other people

- (1) The Supreme Court may, on application by a party or its own initiative, give leave to a person (an *intervener*) to intervene in a proceeding under this Act.
- (2) In considering whether to give leave, the Supreme Court—
 - (a) must have regard to the following:
 - (i) whether the intervener's contribution is different from the contribution of the parties to the proceeding;
 - (ii) whether the intervener's contribution is likely to be useful to the court;

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- (iii) whether the intervention will unreasonably interfere with the ability of someone who has a private interest in the subject matter of the application to deal with it differently or at all; and
- (b) may have regard to any other matter the court considers relevant.
- (3) The Supreme Court may give leave subject to conditions.
- (4) There is no right of appeal in relation to a decision of the Supreme Court under this section.

13 Dictionary, new definition of eligible person

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eligible person—see section 4A (1).

14 Dictionary, definition of person aggrieved

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Endnotes

1 Presentation speech

Presentation speech made in the Legislative Assembly on 2013.

2 Notification

Notified under the Legislation Act on 2013.

3 Republications of amended laws

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

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