

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

COMMISSIONER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT APPOINTMENT 2004 (No 1)

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COMMISSIONER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT ACT 1993

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Overview

The Commissioner for the Environment Appointment 2004 (No 1) extends the term of the incumbent Commissioner for the Environment, Dr Joseph Baker, from 1 January 2004 until 31 March 2004.

Detail

Section 4(1) of the *Commissioner for the Environment Act 1993* states that there shall be a Commissioner for the Environment appointed by instrument by the Minister.

The Commissioner holds office on such terms and conditions (if any) in respect of matters not provided for by the Act as are determined by instrument by the Minister. The Commissioner may be appointed for a period not exceeding five years and the incumbent Commissioner is eligible for re-appointment.

Dr Joseph Baker, has been the Commissioner since 1993, and has extensive and authoritative experience in state of environment reporting.

The extension of the term of the incumbent Commissioner will allow Dr Baker to deliver the 2003 ACT State of the Environment Report that is required to be presented to the Minister for the Environment by 31 March 2004.

This instrument was not notified earlier due to unforeseeable administrative oversights. Therefore the instrument will operate retrospectively to validate matters undertaken during the period of the appointment.