

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

CARELESS USE OF FIRE ACT 1936

APPROVAL OF THE RURAL FIRE CONTROL MANUAL

NO. 153 OF 1992

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

In 1990 the *Careless Use Of Fire Act 1936*, (the Act) was amended to establish the Rural Fighting Service (the Service) (section 5K). The Service was established to recognise both salaried and volunteer bushfire fighters. Section 5K(4) provides that the Service is to have the organisation and structure set out in a Rural Fire Control Manual (the Manual).

Section 5KA requires the ACT Bush Fire Council (the Council) to prepare the Manual for the Service.

Section 5KA(2) stipulates that the Manual shall include:

- (a) the organisation and structure of the Service;
- (b) the powers and duties of the fire control officers, bushfire brigade members and emergency volunteers;
- (c) the standards and requirements for recruitment and training of fire control officers and bushfire brigade members;
- (d) the procedures and conditions for the recruitment of emergency volunteers; and
- (e) equipment requirements and communication specifications for the Service.

Section 5KA(9) provides that the Manual is to be available for public inspection at offices of the Council and of the Chief Fire Control Officer during the hours those offices are open for business.

Authorised by the Minister for Urban Services