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**THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY**

**ELECTORAL ACT 1992  
Electoral Regulations Amendment**

**Subordinate Law No. 43 of 2000**

**EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

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## ELECTORAL REGULATIONS AMENDMENT

### Explanatory Memorandum

The purpose of these regulations is to provide for the supply of confidential electoral roll data to the chief health officer as a prescribed authority under section 65 of the *Electoral Act 1992* for the purposes of the maintenance of the ACT Cancer Registry.

Electoral roll information provided under these regulations will be used for the purposes of updating data held by the ACT Cancer Registry. The ACT electoral roll with date of birth and sex will be used to:

- provide accurate data to ensure confirmation, completion and speed when registering a patient;
- identify errors;
- check missing address data; and
- distinguish people with common names.

The regulations allow the chief health officer to provide electoral roll data to another person or entity involved in the maintenance of the Cancer Registry. The ACT Cancer Registry has contracted the NSW Cancer Registry to process all data of cancer notified to the ACT Cancer Registry. Consequently ACT electoral roll data will be provided to the NSW Cancer Registry.

Regulations 1 and 2 are formal requirements. They refer to commencement and the name of the Regulations to be amended.

Regulations 3 and 6 omits headings of Parts in the *Electoral Regulations*. These headings are unnecessary.

Regulation 4 omits the existing name of the *Electoral Regulations* and substitutes the new name *Electoral Regulations 1993*.

Regulation 5 inserts new regulation 4 in the *Electoral Regulations* to:

- make the chief health officer a prescribed authority authorised to be given confidential electoral roll data for the prescribed purpose of assisting the chief health officer to maintain the cancer register under the *Public Health Regulations 2000*; and
- provide that the chief health officer may give roll information to another person or entity only for use in maintaining the cancer register.

The Regulations are made under section 341 of the *Electoral Act 1992*. The Regulations are to commence on the day on which they are notified in the *Gazette*.