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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

**ELECTRICITY ACT 1971**

**ELECTRICITY REGULATIONS (AMENDMENT)**

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

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## Electricity Regulations (Amendment)

### Background

The *Electricity Act 1971* (the Act) provides for the licensing of electrical contractors and electricians and regulates electrical wiring work for related purposes. On 20 June 1996 the *Electricity (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 1996* was enacted by the Legislative Assembly. Part of this Bill amended section 33 of the Act and provides for circumstances in which electrical work is exempt from inspection and testing by the Department of Urban Services (the Department).

The object of new regulation '7A - Exemption from inspection etc. under section 33' is to specify the circumstances in which inspection and testing by the Department is not required.

### Subregulation 7A(1)

Clause 1 of the amending regulation identifies certain electrical wiring works carried out by the Company (ACTEW) that are exempt from inspection and testing. It also provides where a licensed electrical contractor or electrician has only altered or repaired an electrical installation, and has submitted to the Department certain information on the approved form within 14 days, exemption from inspection and testing.

### Subregulation 7A(2)

Where the electrical wiring works involve high voltage works they are not exempt from testing or inspection under subregulation 7A(1).

### Subregulation 7A(3)

This clause provides that for the Company to qualify for exemptions under subregulation 7A(1), they must have appropriate qualified lineworkers carrying out the electrical wiring work and provide to the Department Standards outlining their work safety practices.

### Subregulation 7A(4)

This clause provides definitions of key terms used in the regulation.