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CANBERRA SEWERAGE AND WATER SUPPLY REGULATIONS

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

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OUTLINE

This amendment of the Regulations is made under Section 82 of the *Electricity and Water Act 1988*.

The purpose of the amendment is to require all new installations of closet-pans and cisterns in the ACT from 1 January 1994 to be of the water saving, reduced-flush type.

Modern water saving toilets use a reduced-flush closet-pan and a dual-flush cistern using 6 litres of water on a full flush and 3 litres on a half flush.

Traditional full-flush closet-pans are not properly cleared by a reduced-flush cistern.

Because pans are often more durable than cisterns, the amendments permit the installation of 9 litre/4.5 litre dual-flush cisterns on a replacement basis where they are to be used in association with a full-flush pan.

Similar changes are made in respect of central storage cisterns serving multiple closet-pans.

To permit the trade to clear stocks of full-flush pans and cisterns, Minister Connolly announced on 30 April 1993 that reduced-flush cisterns and pans would be compulsory for new installations from 1 January 1994.

FORMAL CLAUSES

Clauses 1 and 2 are formal clauses identifying the Regulations to be amended and specifying the commencement date as 1 January 1994.

CLAUSE 3

Sub-Regulation 80(27) provides that new closet-pans and cisterns are to be dual-flush 6/3 litre design.

Sub-Regulation 80(28) provides that where a (replacement) closet-pan is to be installed it shall be of the reduced-flush design.

Sub-Regulation 80(29) provides that where a (replacement) cistern is to be installed linked to an existing full-flush closet-pan, it shall be a dual-flush 9/4.5 litre cistern.

Sub-Regulation 80(30) provides that a (replacement) cistern to be used with a reduced-flush pan shall be a dual-flush 6/3 litre design.

Sub-Regulations 80(31), (32), (33) and (33A) make provisions for central storage cisterns corresponding to those explained above as applying to individual water closets. The amendments take account at Sub-Regulation 80(31)(b) of the fact that there may not be control fittings available for use with an existing central storage cistern to permit a full-flush of 6 litres, even if a reduced-flush pan has been installed at that particular location; the Sub-Regulation therefore permits a flush of either 6 or 9 litres to a reduced-flush pan.

Paragraph 80(35)(d) describes a dual-flush 6/3 litre cistern.

CLAUSE 4

Provides that the Sub-Regulations of Regulation 80 are to be renumbered in a single series bearing consecutive arabic numerals. This is necessary because Regulation 80 formerly had 35 Sub-Regulations but over time with deletions, there is a large gap in the numbering which will be corrected by the renumbering now provided for.