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**AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

**ELECTORAL (AMENDMENT) BILL 1993**

**SUPPLEMENTARY EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

**Supplementary Amendments D**

**Amendments to be moved on behalf of the Government if Mr Humphries' amendments of proposed new subsection 109(2) succeed — grouping of non-party candidates on ballot papers**

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## **OUTLINE**

The purpose of these amendments to the Electoral (Amendment) Bill 1993 is to make consequential amendments should Mr Humphries' proposed amendments relating to the grouping of non-party candidates on ballot papers succeed. The amendments are intended to:

- cause a group letter to be printed above each group on the ballot paper; and
- extend the funding and disclosure scheme to cover non-party groups.

These Government amendments may have financial implications to the extent that they may extend the funding scheme to non-party group candidates who may not otherwise have received funding.

## **DETAILED EXPLANATION**

### **Printing of ballot papers**

**New section 112** is to be amended to require a group letter ("A", "B", "C" and so on) to be printed at the top of each group of candidates on the ballot papers. A related change is made to the form of the ballot paper in Schedule 1.

### **Part XIV — Election funding and financial disclosure**

Amendments are to be made to **new sections 195, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 209, 210, 213, 214A, 215, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 232 and 237** to extend the funding and disclosure schemes to cover non-party groups.

Non-party groups will be eligible to receive public funding in the same way as party groups.

Non-party groups will be required to disclose electoral expenditure and donations received in essentially the same way as candidates. A non-party group may appoint a reporting agent for the group or, if no such appointment is made, each candidate in the group is taken to be a reporting agent for the group.

### **Schedule 1 — Form of ballot paper**

A new form of the ballot paper is to be substituted, including the requirement to print a group letter ("A", "B", "C" and so on) at the top of each group of candidates on the ballot papers. A related change is made to the new section 112.