

COMMISSIONER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT ACT 1993

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

NO. 315 of 2001

Outline

Section 4(1) of the *Commissioner for the Environment Act 1993* states that there shall be a Commissioner for the Environment appointed by instrument by the Minister.

The Commissioner holds office on such terms and conditions (if any) in respect of matters not provided for by the Act as are determined by instrument by the Minister. The Commissioner may be appointed for a period not exceeding five years and the incumbent Commissioner is eligible for re-appointment.

Dr Joseph Baker, as is the incumbent Commissioner since 1993, has extensive and authoritative experience in state of environment reporting. This is a re-appointment for a further 18 months from the conclusion of his current term on 15 December 2001.

This Instrument is a disallowable instrument and will be published in the ACT Government Legislation Register.

In accordance with subsection 4(1) of the *Statutory Appointments Act 1994* the appointment was referred to the Standing Committee on Planning and Urban Services for consideration. The Committee raised no objections to the appointment.