

Australian Capital Territory

Utilities Act (Electricity Full Retail Competition Public Awareness Campaign) Ministerial Direction 2002 (No. 1)

Disallowable instrument DI2002—200

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The *Utilities Act 2000* regulates the provision of utility services in the Australian Capital Territory.

Part 1 of the Act provides for the Independent Competition and Regulatory Commission (ICRC) to ensure that Government's programs and consumer interests in the provision of utility services are properly addressed. In particular, s19 of the ACT provides that the Minister may give a written direction to the ICRC.

This instrument directs the ICRC to undertake a public awareness campaign for the introduction of full retail competition (FRC) for electricity in the ACT. The ICRC is required to develop and implement the campaign in accordance with guidelines set by the Government.

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