Explanatory statement

DI 2007/93

University of Canberra (Student Conduct) Amendment Statute 2007

Section 40 of the *University of Canberra Act 1989* gives the University Council the power to make Statutes.

The *Student Conduct Statute 1992* (the Principal Statute) defines "examination" in a broad way to include any task required to be undertaken by a student for the assessment of the student's performance in a unit of study provided by the University. It also empowers the Council to make rules, not inconsistent with the Act or a Statute, with respect to, among other things, the misconduct of students in an examination.

The *University of Canberra (Student Conduct) Amendment Statute 2007* seeks to amend the Principal Statute to substitute "assessment item" for "examination" in order to avoid the confusion that arises from interpreting the word "examination" too narrowly. The position of Examinations Officer, which is no longer required, is omitted, as is the definition of "Records Officer".

Section 42 of the *University of Canberra Act 1989* requires that a Statute, once made by Council, be submitted by the Chancellor to the Executive for approval.