

Australian Capital Territory

Electricity Safety (Fees) Determination 2009 (No 1)

Disallowable Instrument DI 2009 - 178

made under the

Electricity Safety Act 1971, s 64 (Determination of fees)

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The *Electricity Safety Act 1971* is an Act relating to the safe use of electricity, and for other purposes.

Section 64 of the Act provides the Minister with the power to determine fees.

The purpose of this determination is to revoke Disallowable Instrument DI 2008 - 163 that set fees for the 2008-09 financial year and to determine fees for the 2009-10 financial year.

The previous instrument DI 2008 – 163 provided a NIL fee for electrical inspection services and historically there have not been specific fees for this service.

Budget bids for 2009-2010 included an additional four inspectors within ACTPLA and the establishment of a fourth branch, the Construction Services Branch. Those bids were approved on the basis of the introduction of fees for inspection services by ACTPLA on a cost recovery basis.

The fees in this instrument reflect what is needed to fund the electrical inspectorate within ACTPLA. The fees incorporate a flat fee for typical residential housing projects with a sliding scale fee for other larger projects based on the number of switchboard types within the project. For additions and alterations to existing installations a fee will be charged at a flat rate of \$180 per 10 inspections for this class of electrical work where licensees are operating to a performance status of 1 in 10 inspections. The fees take effect on 1 August 2009.

The determination under section 64 of the Act is a disallowable instrument.