

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY
ELECTRICITY (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 1982

NO. 61 OF 1982

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The Electricity Ordinance 1971 (the Principal Ordinance) makes provision under section 33 for the A.C.T. Electricity Authority (the Authority) to issue notices to occupiers and owners of land requiring the removal of any natural growth which interferes with power lines and to take action to remove the natural growth on failure to comply with such notices. The Electricity (Amendment) Ordinance 1982 amends section 33 of the Principal Ordinance to clarify and revise the powers of the Authority under that section.

Section 1 of the amending Ordinance provides for its short title.

Section 2(a) of the amending Ordinance amends section 33 of the Principal Ordinance to provide for the service of a notice under that section to be either personally or by post.

Sections 2(b) and 2(c) of the amending Ordinance respectively amend sub-sections (2B) and (3) of section 33 of the Principal Ordinance to enable outside contractors as well as Authority employees to be authorised to enter land and remove natural growth which interferes with power lines.

Section 2(d) of the amending Ordinance inserts new sub-sections (3B) and (3C) into section 33 of the Principal Ordinances. Sub-section (3B) requires a person authorised by the Authority for the purposes of section 33 of the Principal Ordinance to produce a certificate of authorisation upon the request of the occupier of the land. Sub-section (3C) creates an offence with a penalty of \$200 for obstructing, without reasonable excuse, a person, authorised by the Authority, in the exercise of his powers under section 33 of the Principal Ordinance.

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