

Australian Capital Territory

Work Safety (ACT Code of Practice for Construction Industries Amenities) Code of Practice 2010

Disallowable instrument DI2010 - 226

made under the

Work Safety Act 2008, section 18 (Codes of Practice)

Explanatory Statement

Section 18 of the *Work Safety Act 2008* provides that the Minister may approve a code of practice to provide practical guidance about the Act. Section 18(2) provides that before approving a proposed code of practice, the Minister must consult with the ACT Work Safety Council. At its 3rd meeting on 18 June 2010, the Council noted that approval would be sought to have the ACT Code of Practice for Construction Industries Amenities notified as a Code of Practice in the ACT.

The Code provides practical guidance on the type, number and accessibility of amenities to be provided to workers in the construction industry.

A person in control of a business or undertaking which is a construction site will consider the guidance in determining what amenities are to be provided on a construction site.

The objects of the Code are to assist duty holders in ensuring they comply with their obligations under the Act and Regulations.

Following the Code could produce benefits that include-

- improved business performance, efficiency and productivity;
- fewer workers' compensation claims, which may lead to lower premiums;
- faster and easier return to work for workers who do sustain an injury;
- fewer absences from work, and less disruption;
- retention of skilled workers; and
- a safe workplace with a positive safety culture.

This instrument takes effect on 1 October 2010.

An approval under section 18 (1) is a disallowable instrument.