

Government Agencies (Campaign Advertising) Exemption 2011 (No 3)

Disallowable instrument DI2011–8

made under the

Government Agencies (Campaign Advertising) Act 2009 section 23 (Exemptions)

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The *Government Agencies (Campaign Advertising) Act 2009* (the Act) Section 23 (1) (2) (c) states the Minister may exempt a campaign from the Act only if satisfied it is appropriate because of other extraordinary circumstances.

The failure of the Legislative Assembly to appoint an independent reviewer in accordance with the Act is an extraordinary circumstance and requires that any ACT Government advertising campaign exceeding \$40,000 will require an exemption from the Minister before proceeding.

Section 3 of the instrument exempts the Department of Environment, Climate Change, Energy and Water ACTSmart advertising campaign from the operation of the Act.

The ACTSmart advertising campaign aims to inform and educate the community about DECCEW programs and provide information to encourage the community to take actions to live more sustainably.

The campaign has been scrutinised by an independent consultant and complies with the Act.