

Australian Capital Territory

University of Canberra (Statutes Interpretation) Amendment Statute 2011

Disallowable Instrument DI2011—14

made under the

University of Canberra Act 1989, s40

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The *University of Canberra (Statutes Interpretation) Amendment Statute 2011* amends the *University of Canberra (Statutes Interpretation) Statute 2010*. The Principal Statute was Notified on 22 July 2010 and commenced on 23 July 2010. (DI2010/100)

On 23 August 2010, the **Standing Committee on Justice and Community Safety (performing the duties of a Scrutiny of Bills and Subordinate Legislation Committee)** raised concerns about the meaning of section 5 of the *University of Canberra (Statutes Interpretation) Statute 2010*, which was Notified on 22 July 2010 as DI2010/100. (Scrutiny Report 26, page 6)

In reviewing section 5 the University concluded that the reference to the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901* (Cth.) was no longer appropriate. The jurisdiction for the University was transferred from the Commonwealth to the Australian Capital Territory on 1 December 1997 and, since that time, the *Legislation Act 2001* (ACT) had come into effect. The University had the option of deleting section 5 but chose instead to amend the section to incorporate reference to the *Legislation Act 2001* to recognise and emphasise the significance of the Act in interpreting the University's Statutes and Rules, in conjunction with this Statute.