

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

UTILITIES ACT 2000

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

INSTRUMENT NO. 96 OF 2001

The *Utilities Act 2000* commenced on 1 January 2001. The Act requires persons providing electricity, gas, water and sewerage services in the ACT to hold an appropriate operating licence.

Section 22 of the Act provides that in some circumstances the Minister may exempt a person from the requirement to hold a licence. To enable a smooth transition from the old licensing regime established under the *Electricity Supply Act 1997* and the *Gas Supply Act 1998* to the new licensing regime, all utilities providing utility services in the ACT were given a temporary exemption from the requirement to hold a licence.

This notice of exemption extends the exemption until 30 June 2001 to allow new licensing arrangements to commence on 1 July 2001.