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THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

HEALTH (PATIENT PRIVACY) AMENDMENT BILL 2015

GOVERNMENT AMENDMENTS

SUPPLEMENTARY EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

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SUPPLEMENTARY EXPLANATORY STATEMENT FOR GOVERNMENT AMENDMENTS

These government amendments are minor and technical in nature (refer to Assembly Standing Order 182A).

OVERVIEW

The government amendments to the Health (Patient Privacy) Bill 2015 are to provide a later commencement date for the Bill at Clause 2 and to clarify the minimum distance allowed for a declared protected area under Clause 5 of the Bill.

DETAIL

Amendment 1

Clause 2

Page 2, line 3

This amendment omits the text at clause 2 and substitutes with 'This Act commences on a day fixed by the Minister by written notice'. This provides capacity for the Minister to establish a commencement date that aligns with planned implementation activities. Provisions that have not commenced by written notice within 6 months of the notification day will automatically commence ensuring there is no undue delay to commencement of the Bill.

Amendment 2

Clause 5

Proposed new section 86 (2) (aa)

Page 4, line 6

This amendment inserts a new section 86 (2) (aa) in the Bill to clarify that the minimum distance that can be declared by the Minister for a protected area around an approved medical facility is not less than 50 metres.