

Australian Capital Territory

# **Cemeteries and Crematoria (Public Cemetery Fees) Determination 2017 (No 1)**

**Disallowable Instrument DI 2017 – 46**

made under the

*Cemeteries and Crematoria Act 2003*, Section 49 (Determination of fees)

## **EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**

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The *Cemeteries and Crematoria Act 2003* (the Act) regulates the operation of cemeteries and crematoria. Section 49 of the Act provides the Minister with the power to determine fees for the purposes of the Act.

Public cemeteries and crematoria are managed by the ACT Public Cemeteries Authority (the Authority). The Authority is required to operate on a sound financial basis.

This determination revokes the previous fee determination (DI2016-108) that set fees for the 2016-2017 financial year and establishes fees from 1 July 2017.

The determination increases fees by approximately 8% for the majority of services provided, this is to phase fee increases which were recommended in a report commissioned by the Regulator of the Act to ensure there is adequate funding in the Perpetual Care Trust Reserve to meet the requirements of the Act. Fees for ancillary services and products including the Christ the Redeemer Mausoleum fees are increased by the 2 percent Wage Price Index. The increased fees are rounded for cash handling purposes.

The fee for removing a ledger has increased by 15.3% to reflect an increased cost by the contractors performing this function.

A number of new fees have been introduced in relation to new services provided for the interment of ashes in the Children's Garden and for the provision of bricks for Islamic Children's grave.

The determination takes effect on 1 July 2017.