

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

COMMISSIONER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT DETERMINATION 2003

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COMMISSIONER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT ACT 1993

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The Commissioner for the Environment Determination 2003 extends the term of the incumbent Commissioner for the Environment, Dr Joseph Baker until 31 December 2003.

Section 4(1) of the *Commissioner for the Environment Act 1993* states that there shall be a Commissioner for the Environment appointed by instrument by the Minister.

Section 5 of the Act states that subject to the Act, the commissioner holds office for the period (not exceeding 5 years) specified in the instrument of appointment but is eligible for reappointment.

The Commissioner holds office on such terms and conditions (if any) in respect of matters not provided for by the Act as are determined by instrument by the Minister.

The Commissioner may be appointed for a period not exceeding five years and the incumbent Commissioner is eligible for re-appointment.

Dr Joseph Baker, has been the Commissioner since 1993, and has extensive and authoritative experience in state of environment reporting.

The extension of the term of the incumbent Commissioner will allow Dr Baker to deliver the 2003 ACT State of the Environment Report that is required to be presented to the Minister for Environment by 31 December 2003.

The Standing Committee on Planning and Environment has been consulted about the nominations for appointment to the Council and has provided comments.