

Australian Capital Territory

Motor Accident Injuries (WPI Assessment) Guidelines 2019

Disallowable instrument DI2019–278

made under the

Motor Accident Injuries Act 2019, section 146 (WPI assessment guidelines)

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Under section 146 of the *Motor Accident Injuries Act 2019* (MAI Act) the MAI Commission must make guidelines (the WPI assessment guidelines) for WPI assessments.

A Whole Person Impairment (WPI) assessment of a person injured in a motor accident is an assessment to evaluate and report on the person's injuries to determine the person's WPI as a result of the injuries. The WPI assessment guidelines must explain how a person's WPI is assessed and may state procedures and principles to be followed in making a WPI assessment. The WPI assessment guidelines may also apply, adopt or incorporate a law of another jurisdiction or instrument as in force from time to time.

The WPI assessment guidelines are based on a template guide that was developed through a national process facilitated by Safe Work Australia with some further adjustments to reflect the nature of motor accident injuries. The guidelines adopt the fifth edition of the American Medical Association's *Guides to the Evaluation of Permanent Impairment* (AMA5) for most cases.

The ACT Government consulted with insurers and other relevant stakeholders in preparing the guidelines.