

Australian Capital Territory

Commissioner for Sustainability and the Environment (State of the Environment Report—Reporting Period and Reporting Day) Determination 2020

Disallowable instrument DI2020–90

made under the

Commissioner for Sustainability and the Environment Act 1993, s 19 (State of the environment report)

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Section 19 (5) of the *Commissioner for Sustainability and the Environment Act 1993* (the *Act*) requires the Minister to determine the reporting period and reporting day for the next state of the environment report (the *report*).

The reporting period is the period of time that the report covers. This instrument provides that the period begins on 1 July 2019 and ends on 30 June 2023. This period is 4 years from the end of the reporting period of the previous report. It is the same length as previous reporting periods.

The reporting day is the day by which the Commissioner for Sustainability and the Environment (the *commissioner*) must give the report to the Minister. This instrument determines the reporting day to be 19 December 2023. This will provide time for the report to be finalised after the end of the reporting period and is within the statutory requirement of being between 3 and 6 months after the end of the reporting period, as required by section 19 (5) (b) of the Act.

Before determining the reporting period and reporting day, the Minister must consider the recommendation of the commissioner made under section 19 (4) of the Act. The former commissioner wrote to the Minister on 4 February 2020 and recommended a reporting period ending on 30 June 2023 and a reporting day of 19 December 2023. The Minister has accepted the commissioner's recommendation.

A regulatory impact statement is not required for this instrument, under section 34 of the *Legislation Act 2001*. This is because this instrument is not likely to impose appreciable costs on the community or a part of the community. The instrument affects the scope of the report and the date the report must be completed. It does not impose a cost or regulatory burden; it only sets requirements for a reporting process.