

**EXPLANATORY STATEMENT
ENERGY AND WATER ACT 1988**

NOTICE OF ADOPTION

NO. 194 OF 1999

Section 69 of the *Energy and Water Act 1988* ("the Act") requires ACTEW Corporation to prepare an emergency plan.

Subsection 70 (1) requires the emergency plan to set out a description of the manner in which it is proposed to prohibit, ration, control or otherwise regulate the supply of electricity or water, or the provision of sewerage services, during the period for which a declared emergency remains in force

Section 74 (1) (a) of the Energy and Water Act 1988 states that the Minister may, by a notice published in the Gazette amend an emergency plan in force under this division.

Under subsection 70 (3) of the Act the Minister has the discretion to

- (a) accept the plan without alteration or with such alterations as the Minister thinks fit; or
- (b) reject the plan

In accordance with this provision the Minister has accepted the plan

Pursuant to subsection 70 (4) where an emergency plan has been accepted by the Minister under this section, the Minister shall, by notice published in the Gazette, adopt the emergency plan.

In accordance with subsection 70 (5) the address at which copies of the plan may be inspected or purchased is at the Ground Floor, ACTEW House, 221 London Circuit, Canberra ACT 2601. No purchase fee will apply.

Under subsection 72 (1) of the Act the Minister shall, as soon as practical after the publication of a notice cause a copy of the notice and the emergency plan to which the notice relates to be laid before the Legislative Assembly.