



AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY
OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY ACT 1989
SAFE WORKING ON ROOFS - PART 1 CODE OF PRACTICE
INSTRUMENT No. 184 of 1999
EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Sub section 87(1)(b) of the ACT *Occupational Health and Safety Act 1989* provides that the Minister can vary an approved Code of Practice for the purpose of providing practical guidance to employers, self-employed persons and employees.

This Instrument is written pursuant to Section 87 of the Act. The instrument varies the approved Code of Practice which is titled "Safe Working on Roofs - Part 1" as a Code of Practice under sub section 87(1) of the Act.

It is intended that the variation of the approved Code of Practice will clarify the purpose and scope of the code with regard to the safe working practices of construction workers on roofs. In addition, the variation removes a potential inconsistency with the introduction of the "Safe Working on Roofs - Part 2" Code of Practice.

The decision to vary the approved Code of Practice was taken after the Minister had received advice from the ACT Occupational Health and Safety Council in accordance with sub section 87(2) of the ACT *Occupational Health and Safety Act 1989*.

The information in this approved Code of Practice is primarily for those directly involved in the ACT Construction Industry. The purpose of this code is to provide practical guidance to employers, employees, operators, workers and others in the construction industry in the ACT about meeting appropriate occupational health and safety standards.

The instrument of this amendment is a disallowable instrument for the purposes of section 10 of the *Subordinate Laws Act 1989*.