

# **ELECTRICITY SUPPLY ACT 1997**

## **DETERMINATION OF FEES**

### **INSTRUMENT NO. 119 OF 1999**

#### **EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**

##### **Outline**

###### *Legislative Background*

The *Electricity Supply Act 1997* ("the Act") provides for, among other things, the licensing of electricity distributors and electricity retail suppliers.

Under section 4 of the *Electricity Supply (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Act 1997*, certain organisations which were providing distribution and retail supply services at the time of commencement of the Act were taken to hold relevant licences.

Section 44 of the Act provides for the determination of fees by the Minister for Urban Services.

The Act provides, in section 43, that persons who held, or are deemed to have held, distribution and retail supply licences during a financial year or any part of a financial year shall pay to the Department of Urban Services the determined licence fee after the end of the financial year during which the licences were held.

###### *Outline of matters covered in the instrument*

The Instrument sets a licence fee of \$3000 per distribution or retail supply licence held or taken to be held during the year 1998-99.

##### **Revenue/Cost implications**

The total revenue to be raised by the fees is in the order of \$0.06 million. The revenue is to cover the regulatory costs associated with the licensing regime in the ACT.

##### **Detailed notes**

The Instrument provides that a fee of \$3000 is payable for three classes of licence holders:

- A person who is taken to have held a distribution licence during 1998-99
- A person who held a retail supplier's licence during 1998-99
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