

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

ELECTRICITY ACT 1971

ELECTRICAL LICENSING BOARD

INSTRUMENT NO. 279 OF 1999

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The *Electricity Act 1971* (the Act) provides for the establishment of the Electrical Licensing Board.

The principal functions of the Board are the licensing of electrical contractors and electricians in the ACT. The Board also takes an active part in formulating uniform registration and mutual recognition principles for electrical workers with jurisdictions in Australia and New Zealand. The Board also recommends disciplinary action for licensees where breaches of standards and legislation are detected.

This instrument, pursuant to Part II of the Act, appoints members and deputy members to the Board.

Section 5 of the Act prescribes the constitution of the Board and allows for industry groups to nominate representatives for appointment as members. The Minister appoints members to the Board for a period not exceeding three years.

Paragraph 5(2)(d) provides for the Minister to appoint a member who is not a member of an industry group (independent representative).

Subsection 5(3) of the Act allows for the Minister to appoint a deputy member to each member (other than the independent) after consultation with the nominating industry groups.

Under Subsection 6 of the Act the Minister is required to appoint, from the members, a Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson.

The Legislative Assembly Standing Committee on Urban Services was consulted and has no objections to the appointments and reappointments.