

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY ACT 1989

**AUSTRALIAN STANDARD – SAFE WORKING IN A CONFINED SPACE
AS2865–1985 [NOHSC:1009(1994)]**

NO. 30 OF 1995

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Section 87(1) of the ACT *Occupational Health and Safety Act 1989* provides that the Minister can approve codes 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 Australian Standard – Safe Working in a Confined Space – has been referred to the ACT Occupational Health and Safety Council in accordance with Section 87(2) of the ACT *Occupational Health and Safety Act 1989*. The ACT Occupational Health and Safety Council has recommended the adoption of the Australian Standard – Safe Working in a Confined Space – for application in the Australian Capital Territory.

The Australian Standard – Safe Working in a Confined Space – applies to the design, manufacture, supply and use of confined spaces in the workplace. The Standard establishes hazard identification, risk assessment and risk control procedures for safe working in a confined space.

Confined spaces include, but are not limited to, storage tanks, boilers, pressure vessels, silos, pipes, sewers and shafts. The Standard does not apply to underground mining or tunnelling work, or work that is carried out at other than normal atmospheric pressures.

Dated this

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day of

April

1995

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