

# AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

## BUILDING ACT 1972

### EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

#### NO. 82 OF 1997

The *Building Act 1972* (the Act) regulates the erection, alteration and demolition of buildings. Section 24 of the Act provides for the technical requirements for these to be specified in a Building Code and allows the Minister to adopt and modify the Building Code of Australia (BCA) as published by the Australian Building Codes Board (ABCB), an association of State and Territory building control bodies.

The 1990 edition of the BCA with its eighth amendment was formally adopted as the Building Code for the ACT in an instrument of adoption and modification of the Building Code dated 2 August 1995 published as Determination No 118 of 1995 and notified in Special Gazette No S204 of 21 August 1995.

The present instrument revokes the former adoption and adopts the provisions of the BCA as constituted by the 1990 edition of the BCA with its tenth amendment. Amendment 9 was published and contained revised requirements for termite protection of homes. However, amendment 9 was not adopted in the ACT because compulsory protection against termites is not required in the ACT.

The tenth amendment to the Building Code of Australia was published on 1 January 1997 and the most important changes are considered to be in the areas of:

- Amending references to Australian Standards.

The ACT Appendix is part of the Building Code provided for in section 24 of the Act and comes into effect with the publication of notice of it in the Gazette.