

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

BUILDING ACT 1972

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY APPENDIX TO THE BUILDING CODE OF AUSTRALIA

NO 13 OF 1997

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The Building Act 1972 (the Act) relates to the erection, alteration and demolition of buildings. Section 24 allows the Minister to prepare and publish a Building Code for the technical requirements and standards of buildings. The Minister may adopt the provisions of the Building Code of Australia (BCA) with modifications specified in the ACT Appendix to the BCA to suit local conditions.

The BCA is prepared and published by the Australian Building Codes Board, a co-operative organisation of building regulatory authorities established by agreement between the Commonwealth Government and each State and Territory.

The previous ACT Appendix to the BCA was formally prepared and adopted as set out in the instrument of 8 July 1997 and published in the Determination No 171 of 1997 and notified in the Special Gazette No S227 of 21 July 1997.

The present instrument sets out the ACT Appendix to the 1997 edition of the BCA and provides technical requirements not covered by the BCA such as the removal of asbestos materials, control of litter on building sites, waste facilities, energy efficiency in buildings, swimming pool safety and fire places and contains a list of other legislation affecting buildings in the ACT.

The ACT Appendix has been prepared in response to community needs and in consultation with building industry organisations.

The ACT Appendix to the BCA forms part of the Building Code prepared and published in accordance with section 24 of the Act and takes effect on the date of notification in the Gazette.