

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

BUILDING ACT 1972

**DISALLOWABLE INSTRUMENT FOR THE
PURPOSES OF SUBSECTION 24(2)**

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

NO. 142 OF 1994

The *Building Act 1972* (the Act) regulates the erection, alteration and demolition of buildings. Sections 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 Uniform Building Regulations Co-ordinating Council (AUBRCC), an association of State and Territory building control bodies

The 1990 edition of the BCA with its sixth amendment was formally adopted as the Building Code for the ACT in an instrument of adoption and modification of the Building Code dated 27 June 1994 and published in Special Gazette No S129 of 1 September 1994

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 seventh amendment. The seventh amendment to the Building Code of Australia was published on 3 October 1994 and the most important are considered to be in the areas of

- smoke control
- multi-storey timber frame construction
- building fire services
- fire safety in Class 1 and 10 buildings
- tilt slab construction
- fire ratings in electricity sub-stations
- water supply services

A full list of changes and a set of explanatory notes is published with the amendment