

## EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

ISSUED UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF MINISTER FOR THE ARTS, TOURISM  
AND TERRITORIES

### A.C.T. Self-Government (Consequential Provisions) Act 1988

### A.C.T. Self-Government (Consequential Provisions) Regulations (Amendment)

1989 No. 398

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The Regulations provide for the modification of the Telecommunications (Interception) Act 1979 to enable the Commonwealth to treat the Australian Capital Territory like the States and the Northern Territory.

The details of the Regulations are as follows:

Regulation 1 provides that the following modifications to the Act are inserted in Schedule 1 of the ACT Self-Government (Consequential Provisions) Regulations:

The Schedule provides that the Telecommunications (Interception) Act 1979 is modified as follows:

Subsection 5(1) subparagraph (a)(vi) of the definition of "class 2 offence" is modified to include serious loss to the revenue of the Australian Capital Territory. Presently the offence extends to serious loss to the revenue of the Commonwealth or a State.

The Regulations modify the principal Act to place the Australian Capital Territory in the same position as the States and the Northern Territory.