

## EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Issued by the authority of the

Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations

*Public Service Act 1999*

***Public Service Classification Amendment Rules 2006 (No. 1)***

The *Public Service Act 1999* (the Act) regulates the employment of the Australian Public Service (APS).

Section 23(1) of the Act provides that the Public Service Minister may, by notice in the *Gazette*, make rules about classifications of APS employees.

Section 78(3) of the Act provides that the Public Service Minister may in writing delegate to a senior official any of the Public Service Minister's powers or functions under section 23 of the Act. The authority to make rules about classifications of APS employees has been delegated to the Secretary of the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations.

The Public Service Classification Amendment Rules 2006 (No. 1) (the Rules) amend Schedule 1 to the *Public Service Classification Rules 2000* (the Principal Rules) by removing references to Protective Service classifications in Schedule 1 to the Principal Rules and by substituting references to DPIE with references to DAFF. The amendments give effect to various machinery of government changes.

The Australian Public Service Commission has been consulted in relation to the amendments to the Principal Rules and supports the amendments.

The Rules are a legislative instrument for the purposes of the *Legislative Instruments Act 2003*.

The Rules commence on 1 July 2006.