

# **Nuclear Non-Proliferation (Safeguards) Regulations (Amendment) 1994 No. 178**

## **EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**

### **Statutory Rules 1994 No. 178**

Issued by the Authority of the Minister for Foreign Affairs

Nuclear Non-Proliferation (Safeguards) Act 1987

Nuclear Non-Proliferation (Safeguards) Regulations (Amendment)

Section 74 of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation (Safeguards) Act 1987 provides that the Governor-General may make regulations for the purposes of the Act.

The Nuclear Safeguards (Producers of Uranium Ore Concentrates) Charge Act 1993 and related amendments to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation (Safeguards) Act 1987 impose a charge on uranium producers. This charge is \$500,000 per annum or such lesser amount as is prescribed by regulation.

The legislation commenced operation on 1 November 1993, and the producers are liable for a charge this financial year.

The Director of Safeguards has consulted with the producers of uranium ore concentrates and has recommended to the Minister of Foreign Affairs that this charge be set at \$234,000 for the current financial year.

Details of the proposed Regulations are as follows:

Regulation 1 specifies that the Nuclear Non-Proliferation (Safeguards) Regulations are amended;

Regulation 2 inserts a new regulation 6 which specifies that the amount of the charge is \$234,000.