

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Statutory Rules 1988 No.312

Public Works Committee Regulations (Amendment)

(Issued under the authority of the Minister of State for Administrative Services)

The Public Works Committee Act 1969 (the Act) establishes the Public Works Committee to inquire into and report on public works referred to it by the Parliament. A public work is a work that is proposed to be carried out by or for the Commonwealth and which moneys are appropriated by the Parliament.

Subsection 6A(3) of the Act provides that where the Governor-General is satisfied that an authority of the Commonwealth is engaging in trading or other activities, or is providing services, in competition with other bodies, the Governor-General may make regulations declaring that this Act does not apply to that Authority.

Regulation 12 of the Public Works Committee Regulations specifies that the Australian Apple and Pear Corporation is exempt from Public Works Committee scrutiny.

The Australian Horticultural Corporation Act 1987 abolishes the Australian Apple and Pear Corporation and establishes the Australian Horticultural Corporation to replace it. The Horticultural Corporation's charter is to assist all Australian horticultural industries to market their products.

As a consequence, there is a need to amend the regulations under subsection 6A(3) of the Act to ensure that the current exemption of the Australian Apple and Pear Corporation from Public Works Committee scrutiny is amended to cover the Australian Horticultural Corporation.