EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Issued by the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources

Water Efficiency Labelling and Standards Act 2005

Water Efficiency Labelling and Standards Amendment Declaration 2007 (No. 1)

Section 12 of the *Water Efficiency Labelling and Standards Act 2005* (the Act) provides that the Minister may declare that certain laws of a state or territory, whose operation involves the use of determinations made under section 18 of the Act, correspond to the Act.

The Act specifies no conditions that need to be met before the power to make Declarations may be exercised.

The *Water Efficiency Labelling and Standards Declaration 2005* provides that New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia, Victoria, Tasmania and the Australian Capital Territory have made laws corresponding to the Act whose operation involves the use of determinations under Section 18 of the Act.

The *Water Efficiency Labelling and Standards Amendment Declaration 2007 (No. 1)* provides that Western Australia and the Northern Territory have made laws corresponding to the Act whose operation involves the use of determinations made under Section 18 of the Act. The corresponding laws are the *Water Efficiency Labelling and Standards Act 2006* (Western Australia) and the *Water Efficiency Labelling and Standards Act 2006* (Northern Territory).

Section 1 provides that the name of the Declaration is the Water Efficiency Labelling and Standards Amendment Declaration 2007 (No. 1) (the Declaration).

Section 2 provides that the Declaration takes effect from the day after it is registered on the Federal Register of Legislative Instruments.

Section 3 provides that Schedule 1 amends the *Water Efficiency Labelling and Standards Declaration 2005* by its substitution.

The Water Efficiency Labelling and Standards Amendment Declaration 2007 (No. 1) is a legislative instrument for the purposes of the *Legislative Instruments Act 2003* and commenced on the day after registration on the Federal Register of Legislative Instruments.