Public Place Names (Coree District) Determination 2007 (No 1)

Disallowable instrument DI2007-223

made under the

Public Place Names Act 1989— section 3 (Minister to determine names)

I DETERMINE the name of the geographical feature that is Territory land as specified in the attached schedule and as indicated on the associated plan.

Neil Savery Delegate of the Minister

13 September 2007

SCHEDULE

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NAME ORIGIN SIGNIFICANCE

Croston Creek

Gary Croston (1948-2004)

Cotter Catchment Area, Water Quality, Canberran.

Gary Croston was born and raised in Canada where he studied Forestry before moving to Australia in the early 1970s.

In his service to the ACT community, Gary worked as a forester, urban park manager, floriade oversight, and in the Environment Protection area, with a special responsibility for water management.

He served with distinction in all these roles and put in place a significant legacy for future generations through the contribution made over 28 years of public service.

His connection to water catchment management and water-based issues in the Cotter was a significant part of his work and spanned most of his career.

In 1973 Gary joined the Department of the Capital Territory where he worked in ACT Forests for a year or so. After touring around Australia, he returned to the Department in 1976 and worked as a forest manager for ACT Forests at Uriarra Forest and Stromlo. In 1985 he moved into the head office as operations manager and was responsible for general forest and water catchment management. For much of that time, Gary served as Deputy Chief Fire Control Officer for the ACT.

In 1989, Gary made a significant career shift and moved to become Operations Manager of City Parks, followed a year later by promotion to the position of Manager City Parks. During this period, Gary was one of the major behind the scenes developers of Floriade.

In late 1995, Gary took on the role of Manager of the Water Unit of Environment and Conservation. This role evolved over time as Gary was given responsibility for managing the full range of environment protection issues.

He was also largely responsible for the development of innovative legislation that for the first time provided the ACT with the means to effectively manage its water resources, provide for fair and equitable allocations, and appropriate protection of our water resources and associated ecosystems. Aided in no small part by his effort, the ACT has largely avoided the serious environmental and over-allocation problems experienced by other areas in Australia and has ensured that the ACT has maintained healthy waterways for all the enjoy.

In 2003 Gary lead a special project: the development of a comprehensive Water Resources Strategy for the ACT. The resultant strategy *Think water, act water*, launched in April 2004 will play an important role in securing the ACT's future through reliable water supplies and by protecting the ACT's highly valued water related ecosystems.

