

**AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY**  
**LAND (PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT) ACT 1991**

**No. 283 of 1996**

**EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**

The *Land (Planning and Environment) Act 1991* (the Act) provides for the establishment of the Land and Planning Appeals Board (the Board).

The principal function of the Board is to review a variety of decisions made under the Act and the *Land (Planning and Environment) (Consequential Provisions) Act 1991*. Decisions under some other legislation may also be reviewed such as the *Buildings (Design and Siting) Act 1964*.

It is intended to transfer the functions of the Board to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal (AAT). The Administrative Appeals Tribunal (Amendment) Bill 1996 and the Land (Planning and Environment) (Amendment) Bill (No. 3) 1996 currently before the Legislative Assembly implement the transfer.

The current appointments to the Board expire on 5 December 1996. This instrument, pursuant to section 282C of the Act reappoints the existing members of the Board for the period 6 December 1996 to 31 January 1997. This will enable the functions of the Board to continue operating until the commencement of the new legislation.

Members of the Board are appointed by the Minister as either chairperson, deputy chairperson or member and pursuant to subsection 282C(4) are eligible for reappointment.

In accordance with the *Statutory Appointments Act 1994*, the appointments were referred to the Legislative Assembly's Standing Committee on Planning and Environment. The Committee endorsed the appointments on 28 November 1996.