

NATURE CONSERVATION ACT 1980

DECLARATION OF EXTENSIONS TO NAMADGI NATIONAL PARK. NO. 75 of 1991

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Under section 51 of the *Nature Conservation Act 1980* the Minister may declare an area of land to be a reserved area.

This declaration will add reserved areas to that part of the A.C.T. previously declared as Namadgi National Park. A map showing the new extent of Namadgi National Park in relation to the city of Canberra is attached.

The additions total an area of 11,900 hectares and bring the total area of Namadgi National Park to 117,800 hectares. The extensions contain significant natural and cultural values and include Mount Tennent and the northern end of the Cotter valley.

Declaration of the area as a reserved area provides the public with a clear indication of the land use in the area and permits increased control over activities in the declared area. It provides the Conservator of Wildlife with powers:

- . to restrict access
- . to prohibit activities such as camping, hunting and removing materials
- . to control the taking of plants and animals into the reserve