

## EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

ORDINANCE NO. 2 , OF 1997

Issued by the Authority of the Minister for Sport, Territories and Local Government

*Seat of Government (Administration) Act 1910*

Reserved Laws (Administration) (Amendment) Ordinance 1997

Subsection 12(1) of the *Seat of Government (Administration) Act 1910* provides for the Governor-General to make Ordinances for the peace, order and good government of the Territory with respect to a range of matters which include National Land.

The *Reserved Laws (Administration) (Amendment) Ordinance 1993* inadvertently transferred powers previously held by the Minister for Administrative Services to the Minister for Housing and Regional Development; specifically, the power to administer that National Land not required for the special purposes of Canberra as the National Capital.

The purpose of the *Reserved Laws (Administration) (Amendment) Ordinance 1997* is to restore to the Minister for Administrative Services those powers transferred by the *Reserved Laws (Administration) (Amendment) Ordinance 1993* to the Minister for Housing and Regional Development.

Section 1 provides that the name of the Ordinance is *the Reserved Laws (Administration) (Amendment) Ordinance 1997*.

Section 2 provides that the Ordinance commences on gazettal.

Section 3 provides that a reference in the Ordinance to Principal Ordinance means the *Reserved Laws (Administration) Ordinance 1989*.

Section 4 provides that the terms "land" and "National Land" has the same meaning as the *Australian Capital Territory (Planning and Land Management) Act 1988* of the Commonwealth.

Section 5 provides that the Minister for Administrative Services shall administer the *National Land Ordinance 1989* as it relates to National Land.

Section 6 amends schedule 2 to the Principal Ordinance by omitting from Part 1 "*Classification of Publications Ordinance 1983*" which is a reference to a repealed Ordinance.

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