

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

ARCHITECTS ACT 1959

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

INSTRUMENT No. 253 of 2001

The functions of the Board, as set out in the *Architects Act 1959* (the Act), are to register persons as architects and issue practising certificates to those persons working as architects. It conducts Architectural Practice Examinations on behalf of the Architects Accreditation Council of Australia (AACA). It also maintains a register of ACT architects and investigates complaints against registered architects and persons in breach of the Act.

The Act provides for the appointment of members to the Architects Board of the ACT (the Board). The instrument appoints **CYNTHIA BREHENY**, **MERON DOWNES-CARLAW**, **CATHERINE TOWNSEND**, **DAVID EPSTEIN** and **GRAEME TRICKETT** to the Board. The instrument also appoints **CYNTHIA BREHENY** as the Chairperson of that Board.

Section 6 of the Act prescribes the constitution of the Board and allows for Royal Australian Institute of Architects (RAIA) to nominate two representatives for appointment as members. The Minister appoints members to the Board for a period not exceeding three years from the date of gazettal of the instrument.

Under Subsection 6 of the Act the Minister is required to appoint, from the members, a Chairperson.

In accordance with the *Statutory Appointments Act 1994*, the appointments were referred to the Legislative Assembly's Standing Committee on Planning and Urban Services for consultation and that Committee had no objections to the appointments.