

**EXPLANATORY STATEMENT
INSTRUMENT NO. 81 1999**

**APPOINTMENT OF WEEKS WHITE AS MEMBER TO THE
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY HERITAGE COUNCIL**

The Land (Planning and Environment) Act 1991 (the "Land Act") governs the use of land in the Territory including the conservation of the Territory's Heritage places.

Part III, section 91, of the Land Act establishes the ACT Heritage Council. Members of Council are appointed by the Minister under section 97.

Members are appointed for a maximum period of three years, after which they may be re-appointed for a further maximum period of three years. A break of three years must then lapse before a member can be further re-appointed.

This instrument appoints Weeks White to be a member of the Council for a period of 3 years.

A brief Resume of Weeks White background is attached.

Section 7 of the *Subordinate Laws Act 1989* prevents a subordinate law from having effect if it would prejudice the rights of a person existing at the date of notification, or if liabilities would be imposed on a person in respect of any act or omission before the date of notification. Neither circumstance will arise from the act of appointing the person named herein to the specified position.

WEEKS WHITE

Mr Weeks White has a BSc (Mathematics and Computing) and a BE (Civil Engineering Honours I). He has worked with the Snowy Mountains Hydro-Electric Authority on the construction of the Tumut 3 Project and as a design engineer with the Snowy Mountains Engineering Corporation. Mr White is currently an Associate with Coffey Geosciences Pty Ltd and specialises in geotechnical engineering and environmental engineering. He is a member of the Institution of Engineers, Australia; Chartered Professional Engineer and a member of the Australian Geomechanics Society and Australian Earthquake Engineering Society.