

**EXPLANATORY STATEMENT  
INSTRUMENT NO. 80 OF 1999**

**APPOINTMENT OF GEOFFREY ALAN JAMES BUTLER AS DEPUTY  
CHAIRPERSON 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.

Mr Butler was appointed to the ACT Heritage Council on 21 November 1997 for a period of three years. His appointment is due to expire on 20 November 2000.

A brief Resume of Mr Butler’s 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.

## **GEOFFREY ALAN JAMES BUTLER**

Mr Butler has been a member of the ACT Heritage Council since 21 November 1997.

Mr Butler is in the private sector offering services in environmental and horticultural consultancy specialising in Australian flora, landscape issues, farm and property planning. He has a Certificate of Horticulture and a Technical Officer Diploma. Mr Butler has previously worked for the Yarrowlumla Shire Council, National Capital Authority, Queanbeyan City Council, ACT Government and Conservation Council of the South-East Region and Canberra in horticulture and environmental projects. He was previously the Executive Member, President and Secretary of the Conservation Council of the South-East Region and Canberra, and Environmental Representative on two regional Bush Fire Management Committees. Mr Butler was the founding Member of Brook's Hill Reserve Trust and is also a member of a number of natural community groups. He is a Member of the ACT Governments Environment Advisory Committee which provides advice directly to the Minister for Environment.