EXPLANATORY STATEMENT
INSTRUMENT NO. 260 OF 1997

APPOINTMENT OF RICHARD MUNRO BAKER 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 reappointed.

This instrument appoints Mr Baker to be a member of the Council for a period of 3 years commencing on 21 November 1997.

A brief Resume of Mr Baker'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.

Dr Richard Baker

Dr Baker is a lecturer at the Australian National University and has a PhD and BA Hons (1st Class) in Geography. His thesis study was of Aboriginal history and landscapes. He was previously employed as a Senior Curator at the National Museum of Australia in charge of the Social History and Aboriginal Australia galleries. He was the curator of the "Changing People, Changing Land" exhibition that toured the Murray-Darling Basin Dr Baker has been a member of the Interim Board of Management of the Canberra Cultural Centre and has continued to assist the National Museum of Australia in exhibition planning workshops. Dr Baker has a strong background in Aboriginal land management issues and has contributed to an extensive range of publications particularly in relation to this area