

LAND (PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT) ACT 1991

DIRECTION UNDER SUBSECTION 37(1)

TO:

Mr Lincoln Hawkins
Executive Director
Planning and Land Management Group
Department of Urban Services

WHEREAS:

- A. You are the public servant performing the duties of the Government Service Office which, under subsection 33(3) of the *Land (Planning and Environment) Act 1991* (the Land Act), constitutes the ACT Planning Authority (the Authority); and
- B. I consider that the achievement of high quality design outcomes and sustainability are the paramount considerations for planning and development in the ACT.

I HEREBY GIVE THE FOLLOWING DIRECTION under subsection 37(1) of the Land Act:

1. That the Authority in the assessment of development proposals will give paramount consideration to achieving high quality design outcomes and sustainability. For the purpose of giving effect to this direction the Authority shall:
 - Have regard to advice offered by specialist urban design advisors, including the Urban Design Advisory Committee, on major developments.
 - Adopt an approach of flexibility and conciliation which bestows rewards for excellence and innovation.
1. You are to prepare a Practice Direction to officers within the Authority setting out the requirements of this Direction.
2. The Authority is to develop a process for progressively implementing the requirements of this Direction.

DATED: 4 May 2000

Brendan Smyth
Minister