

**EXPLANATORY STATEMENT
INSTRUMENT NO. 151 OF 1996**

**APPOINTMENT OF WILLIAM JONAS 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 and 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 *William Jonas* to be a member of the Council for a period of 3 years commencing on 12 July 1996. The instrument also appoints Dr Jonas to be the chairperson of Council for the same period. Section 101 of the Land Act provides for the Minister to separately appoint a chairperson.

This is Dr Jonas's first appointment to Council.

A brief resume of Dr Jonas' background is attached.

RESUME -WILLIAM JONAS AM

Dr Jonas has had a distinguished administrative and public service career and is currently the Principal of the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies.

He is a former Royal Commissioner (British Nuclear Tests in Australia) and has served on the Immigration Review Tribunal and as an Education Commissioner in New South Wales.

He is currently an Australian Heritage Commissioner. He has also worked with both Coalition and Labor Governments in New South Wales on proposals to reform Aboriginal heritage laws in that State.