

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

ORDINANCE NO. 1      OF 1997

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*Seat of Government (Administration) Act 1910*

National Land (Amendment) Ordinance 1997

Subsection 12(1) of the *Seat of Government (Administration) Act 1910* provides for the Governor-General to make Ordinances for the peace, order and good government of the Territory with respect to a range of matters which include National Land.

The *National Land Ordinance 1989* provides for the management of National or Commonwealth land in the Australian Capital Territory. This Ordinance currently states that the Minister for the Arts and Administrative Services, an appointment that does not presently exist, is responsible for the management of National Land.

The purpose of the *National Land (Amendment) Ordinance 1997* is to amend the reference to the Minister for Administrative Services so that, in future, the Minister of State responsible for Administrative Services will be able to manage National Land without specific amendments to the Ordinance.

Section 1 provides that the name of the Ordinance is *the National Land (Amendment) Ordinance 1997*.

Section 2 provides that the Ordinance commences on the day it is notified in the Commonwealth Gazette.

Section 3 describes "Principal Ordinance" as meaning the *National Land Ordinance 1989*.

Section 4 amends section 4 of the Principal Ordinance by omitting from subsection (2) "for the Arts and Administrative Services" and substituting "of State for Administrative Services for the Commonwealth".