

**EXPLANATORY STATEMENT
INSTRUMENT NO. 228 OF 1996**

**APPOINTMENT OF DONALD BELL 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 *Donald Bell* to be a member of the Council for a period of 3 years commencing on September 1996.

This is Mr Bell's first appointment to Council.

The appointment of Mr Bell was referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Development and Tourism in accordance with the requirements of the *Statutory Appointments Act 1994*. The Committee has responded that it has no objection to Mr Bell's appointment to Council.

A brief resume of Mr Bell's background is attached.

RESUME -DONALD BELL

Mr Bell is an elder of the Ngunawal and ACT District Council of Elders. He resides in Wagga and commutes regularly between Wagga and the ACT. He is a member of the Wiradjuri Land Council and the Onerwal Land Council and was a member of the Federal Old Aboriginal Australians Council. He is knowledgeable in relation to Aboriginal heritage, history and tradition. He provides advice and assistance to a number of agencies and organisations studying Aboriginal history and tradition.