

**AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY**

**Gungahlin Drive Extension Authorisation Act 2004**

**GUNG AHLIN DRIVE EXTENSION AUTHORISATION TO  
GRANT AN AUTHORITY (FOR THE NATURE  
CONSERVATION ACT 1980, SECTION 43 (5) (b)) 2004  
(NO 2)**

**Disallowable Instrument DI2004-104**

**EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**

**Overview**

Various licences, a consent and an authority are required under the Nature Conservation Act 1980 for the Gungahlin Drive Extension project (GDE).

Section 9 of the Gungahlin Drive Extension Authorisation Bill 2004 relates to Future authorisations relating to the GDE, and states that the Minister may, in the Minister's absolute discretion and in writing, give any authorisation in relation to the GDE. Authorisation is defined as an approval, licence, permit or consent required or allowed to be given under a relevant law. The Nature Conservation Act 1980 is included in the list of relevant laws. Such authorisations are a notifiable instrument.

The authority is required to allow the Contractor to fell, remove or damage native timber as part of the construction of the GDE and applies to those sections of the GDE outside the area of public land reserved for nature reserve.