



**AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY**

**DEPARTMENT OF URBAN SERVICES**

**APPROVAL OF PLAN OF MANAGEMENT**

**INSTRUMENT NO. 173 OF 2001**

**EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**

The *Land (Planning and Environment) Act 1991* (the Act) is an Act relating to the use of land in the Territory, and for related purposes.

Part V, Division 5 of the Act contains provisions relating to public land, within the meaning of the Act. Public land may be reserved by the Territory Plan for various purposes and the *Conservator of Flora and Fauna* must prepare a Plan of Management under the Act for an area of land so reserved.

This instrument refers to final versions of the Plan of Management prepared under the Act for the urban lakes of the Australian Capital Territory excluding Lake Burley Griffin which is managed by the National Capital Authority and excluding Jerrabomberra Wetlands which are managed by Environment ACT under its own Plan of Management.

The Plan of Management describes the way in which Canberra's urban lakes and ponds are to be managed to provide for public and community use and environmental values and protection.

The Plan has been prepared in accordance with the statutory procedures under the Act, which includes release of draft plans for public comment, submission of a report to the Minister on the issues raised in public comment, and referral of final draft to an appropriate committee of the Legislative Assembly.

A Plan of Management as approved by the Minister under the Act is required to be notified in the Gazette and tabled in the Assembly as a disallowable instrument. It is subject to amendment or disallowance for a period of 5 sitting days after it is laid before the Assembly. Unless disallowed, it then takes effect as subordinate legislation.