

**EXPLANATORY STATEMENT
INSTRUMENT NO. 45 2001**

**APPOINTMENT OF AGNES SHEA AS A MEMBER 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. 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 re-appointed.

This instrument appoints Agnes Shea to be a member of the Council for a period of 3 years.

A brief Resume of Agnes Shea’s background is attached.

Section 7 of the *Subordinate Laws Act 1989* prevents a subordinate law from having effect if it would prejudice the rights of a person existing at the date of notification, or if liabilities would be imposed on a person in respect of any act or omission before the date of notification. Neither circumstance will arise from the act of appointing the person named herein to the specified position.

Agnes Shea**(Aboriginal Tradition)**

Mrs Agnes Shea is one of the senior Ngunnawal elders. She is the delegated spokesperson for the Ngunnawal people living in Canberra. She recently resigned as a member of the Board of Winnunga Nimmitjyah Aboriginal Health Service and the Ngunnawal ACT and Districts Indigenous Peoples Aboriginal Corporation. Mrs Shea has undertaken a lot of work in the area of education, often going into schools to talk to children about her culture and life growing up on a mission. She has also participated in performing traditional welcomes and in several workshops and working groups.