

**EXPLANATORY STATEMENT
INSTRUMENT NO. 44 2001**

**APPOINTMENT OF DIANNE FIRTH 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 Dianne Firth to be a member of the Council for a period of 3 years.

A brief Resume of Dianne Firth’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.

Dianne Firth**(Landscape Architecture)**

Dianne Firth is a landscape architect who has been involved in a range of landscape work from domestic scale to a large scale infrastructure planning and design. Ms Firth is an Associate of the Australian Institute of Landscape Architects and currently holds the position of Head of Landscape Architecture, School of Environmental Design at the University of Canberra. She is also an elected member of the Division of Science and Design Education Committee and Chair of the Faculty Art and design Committee. This year Ms Firth was also the recipient of the Vice Chancellor's Award.