

Australian Capital Territory

City Renewal Authority and Suburban Land Agency (Authority Board Member) Appointment 2023 (No 2)

Disallowable instrument DI2023-136

made under the

City Renewal Authority and Suburban Land Agency Act 2017, s 15 (Establishment of governing board for authority)

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

This explanatory statement relates to the *City Renewal Authority and Suburban Land Agency (Authority Board Member) Appointment 2023 (No 2)* as made by the Chief Minister. It has been prepared in order to assist the reader of the instrument and to help inform debate on it. It does not form part of the instrument and has not been endorsed by the Legislative Assembly.

Overview

Section 7 of the *City Renewal Authority and Suburban Land Agency Act 2017* (the *Act*) establishes the City Renewal Authority (the *authority*). Section 15 of the Act establishes the governing board for the authority. For the purposes of the *Financial Management Act 1996* (the *FMA*) the authority is a territory authority, and therefore parts 8 and 9 of that Act apply. Section 78 (7) (b) of the FMA provides that an appointment of a member to a governing board of a territory authority is an appointment under the provision of the establishing Act that establishes the governing board. In this case, section 15 of the Act is the relevant provision of the establishing Act.

Section 78 of the FMA provides for the appointment of authority boards generally. The Minister with responsibility for a territory authority may appoint members of the governing board of the authority. The Minister must apply the criteria in section 78 of the FMA and must, as far as practicable, ensure that each discipline and area of expertise mentioned in section 21 (2) of the Act is represented among the appointed members. A member must have knowledge of and experience in at least one of the disciplines and areas of expertise prescribed in section 21 (2) of the Act.

Appointment

This instrument appoints Mr Peter Mould as an expert member of the board for the period 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2026. This is Mr Mould's first appointment as a Board member.

Mr Mould was NSW Government Architect and General Manager, Government Architect's Office from 2006 to 2012. He has over 40 years' experience in Australia and overseas in both the private sector and government. He is currently a member of Design Advisory Panels in four Australian States. He has been a member of over fifty design competition juries in Australia and overseas and has chaired more than half of those. He has served on NSW Heritage Council and chaired its Approvals Committee, the Central Sydney Planning Committee, and was Deputy President of the NSW Architects Registration Board. Mr Mould has been involved in all phases of architectural services, including brief preparation, master planning, feasibility studies, design, documentation, construction supervision, program management and urban design. His current emphasis is on design management and review of architectural and urban design projects and advising agencies through commissions, boards and committees. His projects include major urban design projects in Sydney such as the upgrade of Circular Quay and master plans for Walsh Bay Arts Precinct and Sydney Fish markets; Public Buildings including court houses, schools, hospitals, and police stations; and the conservation and adaptation of heritage buildings such as Rozelle Hospital for Sydney College of the Arts, St Mary's Cathedral, and the Chief Secretary's Building in Sydney. His projects have received numerous awards including Australian Institute of Architects Awards for architecture, urban design, and adaptive reuse.

Considered against the terms of the Act, Mr Mould has knowledge or experience across the following disciplines:

- Urban renewal;
- Architecture;
- Urban design;
- Civil engineering; and
- environmentally sustainable development.

Section 21 (4) of the Act provides that a member of the board must not be a public servant. Mr Mould is not a public servant.

Consultation

Division 19.3.3 of the *Legislation Act 2001* (the Legislation Act) applies as Mr Mould is not a public servant, is appointed for longer than 6 months, and will have functions beyond advising the Minister. In accordance with section 228 of the Legislation Act, the Standing Committee on Planning, Transport and City Services has been consulted and noted the appointment. The appointment is a disallowable instrument by operation of section 229 of the Legislation Act.

Regulatory impact statement

The instrument is not likely to impose appreciable costs on the community, or part of the community and therefore a regulatory impact statement (a *RIS*) is not required (Legislation Act, section 34). Further, a *RIS* is unnecessary, in accordance with the Legislation Act, section 36 (1) (b), as the disallowable instrument does not operate to the disadvantage of anyone by adversely affecting the person's rights, or imposing liabilities on the person.

Remuneration

Remuneration for the board is set by the ACT Remuneration Tribunal under Determination 13 of 2022 (Part-time Public Office Holders) and is met by the authority's budget.

Scrutiny Committee Terms of Reference

The instrument is consistent with the Legislative Assembly's Scrutiny of Bills Committee Terms of Reference. In particular, the instrument:

1. Is made under a ministerial power found in the Act (see section 15 of the Act and section 78 of the FMA).
2. Is in accordance with the general objects of the Act under which it is made. The appointment of a member to the board is integral to the authority's operations and achieving the objects of the Act.
3. Does not unduly trespass on rights previously established by law.
4. Does not make rights, liberties and/or obligations unduly dependent upon non-reviewable decisions. The instrument enables formal appointment of a member of the board.