

**EXPLANATORY STATEMENT
INSTRUMENT NO. 99 OF 2000**

**APPOINTMENT OF SUSAN MARSDEN AS 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 Susan Marsden to be a member of the Council for a period of 3 years.

A brief Resume of Susan Marsden’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.

Susan Marsden (Historian)

Susan Marsden is a professional historian, and is currently the National Conservation Manager at the Australian Council of the National Trust and Visiting Fellow on the Urban and Environmental Research Program at the ANU. She has completed several books including "*Adelaide: A brief History*"; "*Coals to Newcastle: a history of coal loading at the Port of Newcastle NSW 1797-1997*" and several published histories including "*A history of Australian capital city centres since 1945*". Ms Marsden has undertaken consultancies for the National History Challenge, Canberra Museum, National Archives and the Australian War Memorial and was a delegate at the National Heritage Convention in Canberra in 1998.