

Cultural Facilities Corporation (Designated Location) Declaration 2025 (No 1)

Disallowable instrument DI2025–253

made under the

Cultural Facilities Corporation Act 1997, section 4 (What is a *designated location*?)

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Overview

Albert Hall is a historically significant public building located at Block 2, Section 39, Yarralumla. Since its opening in 1928, Albert Hall has served as a prominent venue for civic, cultural, and community events in Canberra. Its architectural and social heritage make it a valuable cultural asset for the Territory.

Under Section 4 (2) of the *Cultural Facilities Corporation Act 1997* (the Act), the Minister may declare a location to be a ‘designated location’. Section 6 of the Act gives the Cultural Facilities Corporation (CFC) the function of managing, presenting, and promoting cultural activities at designated locations.

The CFC, under Schedule 1 of the Act, currently manages several designated locations being the Canberra Theatre Centre, Canberra Museum and Gallery and the Nolan Gallery, Lanyon Historic Property, Calthorpes’ House, and Mugga Mugga.

The transfer of Albert Hall from Infrastructure Canberra to the CFC reflects a strategic alignment of the Hall’s cultural and community functions with the CFC’s core expertise in managing heritage and arts venues. As a long-standing institution with a mandate to preserve and activate cultural assets, the CFC is well positioned to enhance Albert Hall’s role as a vibrant hub for public engagement, performance, and heritage appreciation. This transition ensures that the Hall’s usage is guided by an organisation with deep experience in cultural stewardship, thereby safeguarding its legacy while expanding its accessibility and relevance to the Canberra community.

This declaration is consistent with the CFC’s functions and ensures that Albert Hall continues to be managed in a way that promotes its civic and cultural significance and accessibility to the community.