

**EXPLANATORY STATEMENT
INSTRUMENT NO. 261 OF 1997**

**APPOINTMENT OF GEOFFREY ALAN JAMES BUTLER 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 reappointed.

This instrument appoints Mr Butler to be a member of the Council for a period of 3 years commencing on 21 November 1997.

A brief Resume of Mr Butler'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.

Mr Geoff Butler

Mr Butler has been nominated by the Conservation Council of the South-East Region and Canberra (Inc) for membership to the Council.

He is in the private sector offering services in environmental and horticultural consultancy specialising in Australian flora, landcare issues, farm and property planning. He has a Certificate of Horticulture and a Technical Officer Diploma. Mr Butler has previously worked for the Yarrowlumla Shire Council, National Capital Authority, Queanbeyan City Council, ACT Government and Conservation Council the SE Region and Canberra in horticulture and environmental projects. He was previously the Executive Member, President and Secretary of the Conservation Council of the South East Region and Canberra, and Environmental Representative on two regional shire Bush Fire Management Committees. Mr Butler was the founding Member of Brook's Hill Reserve Trust and is also a member of a number of natural community groups. He is a Member of the ACT Governments Environment Advisory Committee which provides advice directly to the Minister for Environment.