

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

LAND (PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT) ACT 1991

APPOINTMENT

NO. 122 OF 1997

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The *Land (Planning and Environment) Act 1991* (the Act) makes extensive provision for the ACT's leasehold and planning systems.

The Act was extensively amended by the *Land (Planning and Environment) (Amendment) Act (No 3) 1996* (the Amending Act). These amendments were made following consideration of the Report of the Board of Inquiry into the Administration of the ACT Leasehold, better known as the Stein Inquiry. The amendments also follow consideration of the Mant/Collins Review of Planning Functions and Structures and the Red Tape Task Force Report.

In particular the Amending Act provides for a Commissioner for Land and Planning. The Commissioner is an independent officer empowered to make decisions relating to applications for approvals and orders under Part VI of the Act. Some decisions must be referred to the Commissioner, these decisions are to be prescribed by the Minister for the Environment, Land and Planning under section 229A of the Act. However, any application may be referred to the Commissioner by the Department of Urban Services.

This instrument appoints John Michael McInerney as the Commissioner for a period of 3 years.

The appointment has been considered by the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment which has advised it has no objections to the appointment.

Issued by the authority of Mr Gary Humphries MLA, Attorney-General