

**EXPLANATORY STATEMENT
INSTRUMENT NO. 35 1996**

**APPOINTMENT OF ELIZABETH ANNE CHURCHER
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 and 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 elapse before a member can be further reappointed.

This instrument appoints ***Elizabeth Anne Churcher*** to be a member of the Council for a period of 3 years commencing on 21 November 1995. The instrument also appoints Ms Churcher to be the chairperson of Council for the same period. Section 101 of the Land Act provides for the Minister to separately appoint a chairperson.

A brief resume of Ms Churcher'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(s).

RESUME - ELIZABETH ANNE CHURCHER A.M.

Director Australian National Gallery

ARCA (London) and MA Courtauld Institute, London University. Director of the Australian National Gallery and has a distinguished background in arts and administration. Previously the Director of the West Australian Art Gallery and prior to that the Dean of the School of Art and Design at Phillip Institute of Technology. Prior to that, held positions of lecturer and principal lecturer on Art. Also served as deputy chair of the Australia Council and Chair of the Visual Arts Board.