STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE AND BIODIVERSITY Dr Marisa Paterson MLA (Chair), Ms Jo Clay MLA (Deputy Chair), Mr Ed Cocks MLA

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

## New inquiry into the ACT's heritage arrangements

Canberrans are invited to have their say on the ACT's heritage conservation and management arrangements.

Today the <u>Standing Committee on Environment, Climate Change and Biodiversity</u> announced a new inquiry and is inviting submissions until 3 March 2023.

The Committee will inquire and report on the existing heritage arrangements in the ACT to see what can be improved, specifically in relation to the functions, structure, administration, and operation of the ACT Heritage Council, including the adequacy of governance arrangements between the ACT Heritage Council and ACT Heritage Unit, and their roles and responsibilities.

Committee Chair, <u>Dr Marisa Paterson MLA</u>, said 'Now is a critical time to examine the ACT heritage protection arrangements and to see how they can be improved in order to ensure they achieve their intended functions under the Heritage Act.'

The terms of reference are available from <a href="Inquiry into ACT's heritage arrangements">Inquiry into ACT's heritage arrangements</a>
Submissions can be made by email to <a href="LACommitteeECCB@parliament.act.gov.au">LACommitteeECCB@parliament.act.gov.au</a>.

Information about how to make a submission is available at: <a href="Participate in public inquiries">Participate in public inquiries</a>.

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