

**APPOINTMENTS TO THE DENTAL TECHNICIANS AND DENTAL  
PROSTHETISTS BOARD  
OF THE  
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY**

**NO. 297 OF 1996  
EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**

The *Dental Technicians and Dental Prosthetists Registration Act 1988* (the Act) provides for the registration of Dental Technicians and Dental Prosthetists in the Australian Capital Territory

The Board is established to provide registration of suitably qualified dental technicians and dental prosthetists and related matters, in the interests of public safety. It does this by administering the Act through the educational, professional and disciplinary provisions contained within the Act.

Section 5 of the Act establishes the Dental Technicians and Dental Prosthetists Board (the Board) and section 6 provides for the constitution of the Board. Paragraph 7(1)(a) requires that each member shall be appointed in writing by the Minister.

Paragraph 7(2) provides that a person is not eligible for appointment if the person has attained the age of 65 years; or, for a period that extends beyond the date on which the person will attain the age of 65 years.

All six positions on the Board will become vacant on 5 December 1996. Vacancies on the Board were notified by a newsletter mailed to all registered dental technicians and dental prosthetists. The period for nominations closed on 10 October 1996.

In making the appointments consideration was given to legislative requirements, representation from government and private sectors of the profession and the continuity of Board business.

Six persons nominated for positions on the Board. Current members who renominated are Terry McHugh (dental prosthetist) and the current Chairperson has renominated for the position of Chairperson; Julia Collins (dental technician) and current Deputy Chairperson has renominated as a member; Stuart McCulloch (non-health professional) current member has renominated for membership.

The following nominees will be undertaking their first term of office on the Board. Peter Cox and Attila Spats are registered dental prosthetists in private practice and Tony Eames is a registered dental technician employed by ACT Department of Health and Community Care.

All nominees are eligible for appointment. Appointments to the Board are for a period of three years commencing 5 December 1996 to and including 4 December 1999.

After consideration by Cabinet the appointments were referred to the Social Policy Committee of the Legislative Assembly in accordance with the requirements of the *Statutory Appointments Act 1994*.