

Australian Capital Territory

# Veterinary Practice (Board) Appointment 2019 (No 2)

**Disallowable instrument DI2019 – 54**

made under the

**Veterinary Practice Act 2018, section 93(2) (Board membership)**

## EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

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Part 7 of the *Veterinary Practice Act 2018* (the Act) establishes the Veterinary Practitioners Board (Board) and sets out its functions. Section 93 of the Act provides that the Board consists of seven members appointed by the Minister.

Under Section 94 of the Act, members can be appointed to the Board for a term of no longer than three years.

Section 93 of the Act provides the members that make up the Board.

Section 93(1)(b) of the Act provides for a person who is a registered veterinary practitioner and has been registered for a continuous period of at least three years immediately before the day of the appointment. Dr Melanie Latter meets these requirements.

This instrument appoints Dr Latter as a member of the board for three years commencing the day after notification.

Dr Latter is not a public servant.

Section 96 of the Act provides that before appointing someone, other than a community representative, to the Board the Minister must consult the Board. The Minister has consulted the Board on the appointment of Dr Latter.

Section 96(2) of the Act provides that the Minister must also seek advice, and nominations, from declared professional bodies and other entities the Minister considers suitable to give advice, and make nominations, in relation to the board. The Minister has sought advice and nominations from:

- The ACT division of the Australian Veterinary Association;
- Charles Sturt University; and
- University of Sydney.

Section 228 of the *Legislation Act 2001* provides that before making an appointment to a statutory position, a Minister must consult with the relevant standing committee of the Legislative Assembly. The Minister has consulted with the Standing Committee on Environment and Transport and City Services.