

Domestic Violence (Prevention Council) Appointment 2005 (No 2)

Disallowable Instrument DI2005–217

made under the

Domestic Violence Agencies Act 1986, s 6

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The Domestic Violence Prevention Council (the Council) is established under the *Domestic Violence Agencies Act 1986* (the Act).

This instrument appoints Detective Superintendent Ann McEvoy and Ms Grace Concannon as members of the Council. Neither of the appointees is an ACT public servant.

Pursuant to section 228 of the *Legislation Act 2001*, Ministers are required to consult with the relevant Standing Committee of the ACT Legislative Assembly concerning appointment to a statutory office. The Standing Committee on Legal Affairs has been consulted. The Committee had no objection to the appointments.

Detective Superintendent McEvoy has experience and expertise that would assist the Council in the exercise of its functions. She has been a police officer since 1974, serving with the Australian Federal Police since its establishment in 1979. She has experience in all facets of community policing, and has served in the national and international policing sphere, including a posting as liaison officer in Bangkok, Thailand. Detective Superintendent McEvoy was awarded the Australian Police Service Medal in 2000 and the Australasian Council of Women and Policing award for Most Outstanding Female Administrator in a police service. She is currently the Coordinator of the Crime Prevention Portfolio, ACT Policing.

Ms Concannon has experience and expertise that would assist the Council in the exercise of its functions. She has experience with the Family Court of Australia, and has been on the Court's Family Violence Committee since its inception in 2002, contributing significantly to the Family Violence Strategy. Ms Concannon has extensive experience working in the community sector with women and children experiencing family violence, with a particular focus on women from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds. She coordinated a Women's Domestic Violence Court Assistance Scheme in rural NSW, and coordinated the Primary Dispute Resolution Program with ACT Legal Aid. Ms Concannon is the current president of Multicultural Women's Advocacy Inc.