

2001

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

***MEDIATION ACT 1997***

**DECLARATION UNDER SUBSECTION 4(2)**

**Disallowable Instrument 286 of 2001**

**EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**

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## **BACKGROUND**

The *Mediation Act 1997* (the Act) was passed by the ACT Legislative Assembly on Tuesday 23 September 1997. It was notified in the *ACT Gazette* S300 on 9 October 1997. The substantive provisions of the Act commenced on 1 July 1998.

One of the purposes of the Act is to provide for the registration of mediators by “approved agencies”. Subsection 4(2) provides that the Minister may declare an entity to be an approved agency for the Act. In order to become an “approved agency” an organisation is required to meet certain criteria laid down by the former Attorney-General and notified in the *ACT Gazette* No 19 of 13 May 1998.

## **PURPOSE OF THE DECLARATION**

Mr Martin Toohey submitted an application for approval as an agency which was assessed against the criteria issued by the former Attorney-General.

The Declaration reflects the Attorney-General’s decision to add Mr Martin Toohey to the nine agencies approved to date under the Act.