

Australian Capital Territory

Legal Aid (Commissioner (Bar Association Nominee)) Appointment 2006 (No 1)

Disallowable Instrument DI2006-69

made under the

Legal Aid Act 1977, s7 (3) (Constitution of Commission)

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The *Legal Aid Act 1977* (the Act), at section 6, provides for the establishment of the Legal Aid Commission. The commission shall provide legal assistance in ACT matters in accordance with the Act. This may include arranging for the services of private legal practitioners to be made available at the expense of the commission or by making available the services of officers to the commission.

Section 7(1)(c) of the Act provides that the commission shall be constituted by a commissioner chosen from a panel of not less than three persons nominated by the ACT Bar Association.

This instrument appoints Amanda Tonkin, a nominee of the ACT Bar Association, as part-time Commissioner of the Legal Aid Commission for a period of three years.

Pursuant to section 228 of the *Legislation Act 2001*, this appointment required consultation with the Standing on Committee on Legal Affairs. The Committee has advised that it has no recommendations to make.