

Explanatory Statement

Health Professions Boards (Procedures) - Veterinary Surgeons Board Appointments 2002 (No. 1)

Disallowable instrument DI2002—176

made under the

Health Professions Boards (Procedures) Act 1981, section 5 (Appointment of Chairperson and Members)

The Board is established under Section 6 of the *Veterinary Surgeons Act 1965* and comprises the Chairman, and 4 other members. Of these five, two are elected by the profession in accordance with the *Health Professions Boards (Elections) Act 1980* and three (including the Chairman) are appointed by the Minister in accordance with the *Health Professions Boards (Procedures) Act 1981*.

The Act provides for the registration of veterinary surgeons and veterinary specialists, and for other purposes. All registered veterinary surgeons and specialists were notified by circular of the forthcoming vacancies.

A person is not eligible for appointment unless the person is a registered veterinary surgeon in the ACT. The person also needs to have been, at all times during the immediately preceding 3 years entitled, under the law of a State or Territory, to practise veterinary surgery in that State or Territory.

Consultation with the Standing Committee for Health has taken place in accordance with the *Legislation Act 2001*.

Drs Citer and Gallimore are ACT public servants.

Drs Doyle, Citer and Webb are nominated for the 3 year appointments under section 5 of the *Health Professions Boards (Procedures) Act 1981*, Dr Gallimore is nominated as an 'acting member' in accordance with section 209 of the *Legislation Act 2001* until 25 March 2003.

These instruments make appointments to which the *Legislation Act 2001*, division 19.3.3 applies. Accordingly, the instruments are disallowable instruments (see *Legislation Act 2001*, s 229).