

Australian Capital Territory

Explanatory Statement

Public Health (Chief Health Officer) Appointment 2008

Disallowable Instrument DI2008-16

made under the

Public Health Act 1997, S 7 (Statutory Offices)

Section 7 of the *Public Health Act 1997* provides that the Minister for Health shall by Instrument, appoint a person to the position of Chief Health Officer. The Act also requires that the person so appointed must be a public servant and a doctor.

The Instrument allows for the appointment of Dr Charles Stuart Guest as the ACT Chief Health Officer. Dr Guest is a public servant and a doctor.

The appointment by Instrument confers on Dr Guest the statutory powers under the *Public Health Act 1997* as set out in the Act.

This instrument is taken to have commenced on 21 December 2007.

This appointment is non-prejudicial. No member of the public is prejudiced by making this appointment retrospective.

An instrument of appointment is a disallowable instrument.