

Australian Capital Territory

Corrections Management (Official Visitor) Appointment 2008

Disallowable instrument DI2008– 62

made under the

Corrections Management Act 2007, section 57(1)

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

This instrument appoints Mr Geoffrey Potts as an official visitor beginning on the day after the instrument of appointment is notified, and ending on 30 September 2008.

The appointment of an official visitor for ACT Remand Centres is provided for under section 57 of the *Corrections Management Act 2007*. Under that section, the Minister must appoint at least one person who possesses suitable qualifications or experience to exercise the functions of an official visitor. The Minister must not appoint a public employee as an official visitor. Mr Potts is not a public employee.

In addition to Mr Potts' extensive experience as the ACT Official Visitor since 1998, Mr Potts also possesses the requisite experience due to his employment as an officer of the Court as a Probation and Parole Officer and is currently the Vice President of the Prisoners Aid (ACT) Inc.