

Australian Capital Territory

Legal Aid (Commissioner – ACTCOSS Nominee) Appointment 2010

Disallowable Instrument DI2010–191

made under the

Legal Aid Act 1977, s 16(1)(c)(iv) (Constitution of board)

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The *Legal Aid Act 1977* (the Act), at section 6, provides for the establishment of the Legal Aid Commission. The Commission must provide legal assistance in ACT matters in accordance with the Act.

Paragraph 16(1)(c)(iv) of the Act provides that the Commission must be served by at least 1 member who has been nominated by the ACT Council of Social Service (ACTCOSS).

This instrument appoints Ms Deborah Pippen as a member of the Commission nominated by the ACTCOSS, pursuant to section 16(1)(c)(iv) of the Act for the period commencing on 20 August 2010 and ending on 20 August 2013.

Ms Pippen has a background in providing legal assistance to the community as the Executive Director of the ACT Tenants' Union.

Ms Pippen is not a public servant. Under section 228 of the *Legislation Act 2001*, this appointment required consultation with the Standing Committee on Justice and Community Safety. The Committee advised that it had no recommendations to make.