

Australian Capital Territory

# Climate Change and Greenhouse Gas Reduction (Climate Change Council) Appointment 2011 (No 1)

Disallowable Instrument DI2011–288

made under the

**Climate Change and Greenhouse Gas Reduction Act 2010 s 16  
(Establishment of Climate Change Council)**

**Part 4 Section 16 (Establishment of Council) and Section 20 (Membership)**

## EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

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The *Climate Change and Greenhouse Gas Reduction Act 2010* is an Act to set targets to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and increase renewable energy use in the ACT. The establishment of the ACT Climate Change Council (the Council), through Part 4 of the Act, recognises that the community and business sectors have important contributions to make and that the problem of climate change is not one that Government can address on its own. The appointment of the Council members under section 20 of the Act, and the Council chair under Section 21 of the Act, is by way of a disallowable instrument which must be notified, and presented to the Legislative Assembly, under the *Legislation Act 2001*.

This instrument is the *Climate Change and Greenhouse Gas Reduction (Climate Change Council) Appointment 2011 (No 1)*

The instrument takes effect the day after notification.

Prior to making this appointment, the Minister considered nominations from the community to ensure that the Council consists of at least 5 but not more than 9 members. To the greatest extent possible the Minister ensured that

- a) The Council included people with a broad range of skills and knowledge relating to addressing, or adapting to climate change; and
- b) Representatives of the following areas are among the members appointed:
  - i. a person to represent the interests of business;
  - ii. a person to represent the community's interest in climate change;
  - iii. a person to represent climate change science;
  - iv. a person to represent environmental management;
  - v. a person to represent the built environment;
  - vi. a person to represent transport planning;

- vii. a person to represent people who are socially or financially disadvantaged;
- viii. an energy specialist;
- ix. a public employee.

The Minister appointed individuals to the Climate Change Council that:

- a) are committed to addressing climate change; and
- b) have knowledge and experience in an area relevant to the operations of the Act.

The Minister appointed a member of the Council (other than the public employee) to be the chair of the Council.