

Australian Capital Territory

Emergencies (Bushfire Council Members) Appointment 2013 (No 7)

Disallowable instrument DI2013–241

made under the

Emergencies Act 2004, s 129 (Bushfire council members)

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The Bushfire Council, established under section 127 of the *Emergencies Act 2004*, has the function of advising the Minister about matters relating to bushfires.

Under section 129 (1) of the *Emergencies Act 2004* the Minister must appoint members of the Bushfire Council. Under section 129 (2) the Minister must try to ensure that people with particular skills, interests and experience are among the members appointed. The appointments are made according to these requirements.

Mr Andrew Joyce has over 24 years experience as a volunteer firefighter in Victoria and the ACT. He is currently a member of the Jerrabomberra RFS Brigade and brings to the Council extensive experience in all hazards firefighting and emergency response in both rural and built-up areas. He was awarded the ACT RFS Long Service Medal in 2013 and the National Medal in 2005. He has strong information networks that can draw upon knowledge from across a number of fire services as well as the ACTRFS. He has extensive experience in developing and advising government on strategic policy, risk management and funding in a range of areas, such as formulating Australian Government policy and programs in the small and medium enterprise policy sphere, the COAG regulation reform agenda for business, small business projects and economic policy.

The instrument appoints Mr Andrew Joyce as a Member of the Bushfire Council. The appointment commences on 1 October 2013 for a period of three (3) years and expires on 30 September 2016.

Mr Andrew Joyce is not a public servant as defined under the *Legislation Act 2001*.

The Standing Committee on Justice and Community Safety has been consulted on the appointment as required under the provisions of the *Legislation Act 2001*. The Committee advised that it had no concerns with the appointment.