

Australian Capital Territory

# Legal Aid (Commissioner — ACTCOSS Nominee) Appointment 2013

Disallowable instrument DI2013–268

made under the

*Legal Aid Act*, section 16(1)(c)(iv) (Constitution of Board)

## EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

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

Section 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 Carol Benda as a member of the Commission nominated by the ACTCOSS, pursuant to section 16(1)(c)(iv) of the Act for a period of 3 years.

Ms Benda has worked extensively in the community sector. She is the Coordinator of the ACT Women's Legal Centre. She also holds positions on a number of Boards, Councils and Networks. She is the Treasurer of ACT Shelter Inc. and the Chair of the ACT Legal Assistance Forum. She is a member of the ACT Women's Services Network and the Ministerial Advisory Council on Women.

Ms Benda is not a public servant.