

Australian Capital Territory

Official Visitor (Disabilities Services) Appointment 2013 (No 1)

Disallowable instrument DI2013-326

made under the

Official Visitor Act 2012, section 10 (Appointment)

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

This instrument appoints Ms Sue Salthouse as an official visitor for a period commencing on 1 March 2014 and ending on 28 February 2015. The maximum permitted term of appointment is three years.

The appointment of an official visitor is provided for under section 10 of the *Official Visitor Act 2012*. Under this section, the Minister must appoint at least one person who possesses suitable qualifications or experience to exercise the functions of an official visitor under the *Disabilities Services Act 1991*. The Minister must not appoint a public employee as an official visitor. Ms Salthouse is not a public employee.

Ms Salthouse has worked in the area of social justice since 1996, playing an active role in the systemic advocacy for women with disabilities. She is a member of the NDIS Expert Panel, and runs her own consultancy specialising in the disability advocacy and conducting social research, policy analysis and providing advice on project development and management, conference facilitation and TAFE Teaching.

Ms Salthouse has a sound understanding of the *Human Rights Act 2004*, and a history of systemic advocacy in the areas of human rights, gender equity, women's health, industrial relations, and domestic violence.