

Australian Capital Territory

Legal Aid (Commissioner – Bar Association Nominee) Appointment 2014

Disallowable Instrument DI2014–202

made under the

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

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The *Legal Aid Act 1977*, at section 14, provides for the establishment of the board of the Legal Aid Commission. The functions of the Board are to determine the broad policies, priorities and strategies of the Commission for the provision of legal assistance, and to ensure that the commission's affairs are managed in accordance with the Act.

Section 16(1)(c)(ii) of the Act provides that the Board must be constituted by a commissioner chosen from a panel of not less than three people nominated by the council of the bar association.

This instrument appoints Ms Amanda Tonkin as part-time member of the Board of the Legal Aid Commission for a period of three years commencing on 18 July 2014.

Ms Tonkin was chosen from a panel of 3 members nominated by the council of the Bar Association. Ms Tonkin 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.