

Australian Capital Territory

Health (Local Hospital Network Council Member) Appointment 2014 (No 1)

Disallowable instrument DI2014–234

made under the

Health Act 1993, section 16 (Membership of council)

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

This instrument is made under section 16 of the *Health Act 1993*.

Part 3A of the *Health Act 1993* establishes the ACT Local Hospital Network Council. Members of the ACT Local Hospital Network Council are appointed by the Minister for Health under section 16.

This instrument re-appoints Ms Colleen Duff as a member of the ACT Local Hospital Network Council for a period of two years. Ms Duff has expertise in clinical matters. Ms Duff's various nursing roles, qualifications and experience provides her with the breadth and depth of knowledge and understanding to provide significant insight.

As an Assistant Director of Nursing (Clinical), after hours Coordinator at Royal Canberra Hospital and Nursing Supervisor at Woden Valley Hospital, Ms Duff was responsible for leadership and management of clinical care standards and practice for surgical areas and for management of staffing and resources after hours respectively.

Ms Duff's industrial and health care advocacy skills and successful track record for 18 years in the leadership role as the Secretary of the ACT Branch of the Australian Nursing Federation (ANF) has provided her with the experience necessary to serve on the Council and demonstrates her strong commitment and the potential she would bring in this context.

Her past advocacy in health care and negotiating industrial agreements on behalf of the ANF within the respective legislative requirements has exposed her to all the key stakeholders. She has fostered and developed respectful, trusting and cooperative working relationships with all the ACT public and private sector service providers in achieving agreed outcomes.

Ms Duff is Deputy Chair of the ACT Local Hospital Network Council and has served as a member since 19 August 2011

The appointee is not an ACT Public Servant and this instrument makes an appointment to which the *Legislation Act 2001*, Division 19.3.3 applies. Accordingly under section 229 of the *Legislation Act 2001*, the instrument is a disallowable instrument.

This re-appointment has been approved by the ACT Minister for Health and the Standing Committee on Health, Ageing, Community and Social Services has been consulted in accordance with section 228 (Consultation with appropriate Assembly committee) of the *Legislation Act 2001*.