

Australian Capital Territory

Official Visitor (Children and Young People Services) Visit and Complaint Guidelines 2015 (No 2)

Disallowable Instrument DI2015–244

made under the

Official Visitor Act 2012, s 23 (Visit and complaint guidelines)

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Section 23 (1) of the *Official Visitor Act 2012*, allows the Minister, after consulting the operational Minister for an operational Act, to make guidelines about -

- (a) visits by an official visitor for the operational Act; and
 - (b) the handling of complaints, and referral of complaints to investigative entities, by an official visitor for the operational Act.
- (2) The guidelines must include a schedule that sets out—
- (a) each visitable place that an official visitor must visit; and
 - (b) how often the official visitor must visit the place.
- (3) A guideline is a disallowable instrument.

The *Official Visitor Act 2012*, sets out the functions of official visitors which includes visiting visitable places, handling complaints from entitled people and reporting on those matters. Part 2.3 section 37 of the *Children and Young People Act 2008*, defines what is an entitled person and a visitable place for the *Official Visitor Act*. This part also prescribes other matters for the *Official Visitor Act*.

This Instrument is necessary to provide guidance for the appointees with statutory authority to perform the duties of the Children and Young People Official Visitor under the *Children and Young People Act 2008*.