

Australian Capital Territory

Legal Aid (Commissioner – Financial Management) Appointment 2016

Disallowable Instrument DI2016–56

made under the

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

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Section 6 of the *Legal Aid Act 1977* (the Act) establishes the Legal Aid Commission. The Commission’s functions include provision of legal assistance in ACT matters in accordance with the Act.

Section 16(1)(c)(v) of the Act provides that the Commission’s board must consist of one member who “has expertise in financial management”.

This instrument appoints Gail Kinsella as the financial management member of the Commission’s board for a period of three years.

Ms Kinsella has extensive experience in public accounting, providing professional accounting, taxation and business advisory services to small to medium businesses.

Ms Kinsella 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 comments on the appointment.