

Tree Protection (Advisory Panel) Appointment 2016 (No 1)

Disallowable Instrument DI2016 - 217

made under the

Tree Protection Act 2005, s 69 (Members of advisory panel)

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Section 68 of the *Tree Protection Act 2005* (the Act) establishes the Tree Advisory Panel. Section 69 (1) of the Act provides that the advisory panel consists of 3 or more members appointed by the Minister. Under section 69 (2) of the Act, members must be appointed to the advisory panel for a term of at least 1 year and not longer than 2 years.

Section 69 (3) of the Act provides that the Minister must not appoint a person to the Tree Advisory Panel unless the person has extensive experience in 1 or more of the following fields:

- (a) arboriculture;
- (b) forestry;
- (c) horticulture;
- (d) landscape architecture;
- (e) natural and cultural heritage.

This instrument reappoints Dr Peter Coyne as Chair of the Tree Advisory Panel and appoints Ms Hayley Crossing as a member of the Tree Advisory Panel from 21 August 2016 to 20 August 2018. Dr Coyne has qualifications in forestry and extensive experience in the management of ecological and conservation values. He has spent much of his working career with the Australian National Parks and Wildlife Service, Environment Australia and Parks Australia. Ms Crossing has extensive experience as a Landscape Architect both as an employee and within her own current practice. Ms Crossing's employment history includes a range of private and civil projects in NSW as well as the ACT.

Dr Coyne and Ms Crossing's qualifications and experience will make a valuable contribution to the Advisory Panel. Neither Dr Coyne nor Ms Crossing is a public servant. Division 19.3.3 of the *Legislation Act 2001* applies to these appointments. Prior to making this appointment, in accordance with section 228 of the *Legislation Act 2001*, the Minister consulted the Legislative Assembly's Standing Committee on Planning, Environment and Territory and Municipal Services.