

Australian Capital Territory

# Legal Aid (Commissioner – Bar Association Nominee) Appointment 2017

Disallowable instrument DI2017–9

made under the

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

## EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

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The *Legal Aid Act 1977* (the Act), at section 14, provides for the establishment of the board of the Legal Aid Commission (the Board). 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 Mr Marcus Hassall as part-time member of the Board for a period of three years commencing on the day after the notification of the instrument of appointment.

Mr Hassall was chosen from a panel of three members nominated by the council of the ACT Bar Association. Mr Hassall 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.