

Veterinary Surgeons (Board President) Appointment 2017 (No 1)

Disallowable instrument DI2017– 256

made under the

Veterinary Surgeons Act 2015, section 108 (Appointment of board president)

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Part 10 of the *Veterinary Surgeons Act 2015* (the ACT) establishes the ACT Veterinary Surgeons Board and sets out its functions.

Section 108 (1) of the Act provides that the Minister must appoint a person to be president of a Veterinary Surgeons Board.

This instrument appoints Dr Steven Roberts as president of the board for a period of two years, commencing the day after notification.

Section 108 (2) of the Act provides that the Minister may appoint a person as the president of the board (other than the community representative) if the person is a registered veterinary surgeon and has been registered for a continuous period of at least 3 years immediately before the day of the appointment. Dr Roberts satisfies these requirements.

Section 111 of the Act provides that before appointing someone other than a community representative to the board the Minister must consult the board. The Minister has consulted the board on the appointments of Dr Roberts.

Division 19.3.3 of the *Legislation Act 2001* applies to this appointment. Dr Roberts is not a public servant. As required by the Legislation Act, the Standing Committee on Environment and Transport and City Services has been consulted on the appointment. The Committee has advised that it has no comment on the appointment of Dr Roberts as a member of the ACT Veterinary Surgeons Board.