

Climate Change and Greenhouse Gas Reduction (Climate Change Council Member) Appointment 2018 (No 4)

Disallowable instrument DI2018–103

made under the

Climate Change and Greenhouse Gas Reduction Act 2010, s 20 (Membership)

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Overview

The *Climate Change and Greenhouse Gas Reduction Act 2010* (the Act) section 20 (Membership) provides for the appointment to the ACT Climate Change Council (Council) of suitably qualified members of the community to provide advice to the Minister on matters relating to the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and adaptation to climate change. The appointment for the non-public employee members of the Council is by way of a disallowable instrument which must be notified on the Legislation Register and tabled in the Legislative Assembly under the *Legislation Act 2001* (Legislation Act).

Section 20(3) of the Act provides that the Minister may appoint a person as a member to the Council only if satisfied that the person is committed to addressing climate change and has knowledge and experience in an area relevant to the operation of the Act.

Appointment

The disallowable instrument appoints Mr Toby Roxburgh as a member of the Council. Mr Roxburgh is not a public servant. Mr Roxburgh is appointed for the period 2 March 2018 until 30 June 2019.

Mr Toby Roxburgh is appointed to the Council as an energy specialist.

Mr Roxburgh is the chair of the Canberra branch of the Australian Institute of Energy, Chairman for Renew Estate, Managing Director for Electromotiv and a Director at Beast Solutions.

Mr Roxburgh is passionate about delivering a net zero emissions world. His experience covers the built environment, large scale generation, transport, renewable gases and waste.

Mr Roxburgh is an electrical and electronics engineer by training and has over 15 years of experience in sustainable energy projects across the energy delivery spectrum: from education and energy policy through to cost benefit analysis, feasibility, design, construction, commissioning and operation. His experience includes the design of sustainable buildings and precincts from government, consulting and contracting sides.

Mr Roxburgh has experience in the energy sector across fields including: generation, storage, gases, education, policy, planning, sustainable design, energy efficiency, district energy, risk assessment, renewables and peak demand reduction. His experience is valuable in the delivery of new energy projects.

Mr Roxburgh has been involved in over 700MW of large scale solar projects delivery, Sapphire wind farm community and local benefits, net zero bus and truck transport solutions, light rail and demand management projects for ActewAGL, waste strategies and solutions, renewable gases and net zero precincts from the first no gas suburb in Canberra to the first zero emissions smart-grid community project in NSW.

The appointment has been made by the Minister for Climate Change and Sustainability. The Minister consulted the Standing Committee on Environment and Transport and City Services in accordance with section 228 (Consultation with appropriate Assembly committee) of the *Legislation Act 2001*. The Standing Committee did not provide any comment in relation to the proposed reappointment.

A Regulatory Impact (RIS) is not required for this disallowable instrument as it is unlikely to impose appreciable costs on the community (section 34(1) of the *Legislation Act*). Further, in accordance with section 36(1)(b) of the *Legislation Act*, a RIS is not necessary as the matter does not operate to the disadvantage of anyone by adversely affecting the person's rights or imposing liabilities on the person.

Outline of provisions

Section 1 – Name of instrument

This section names the instrument.

Section 2 – Commencement of appointment

This section provides for the commencement of the instrument. The instrument is taken to have commenced on 2 March 2018. The retrospective commencement is non-prejudicial and does not adversely affect a person's rights or imposes liabilities on a person in accordance with ss75A, 75B and 76 of the *Legislation Act*. The instrument commences retrospectively to ensure continuity of membership from when the previous appointments expired on 1 March 2018.

Section 3 – Climate Change Council member appointment

By this section the Minister appoints Mr Toby Roxburgh as a member of the Council.

Section 4 – Term of appointment

This section sets the term of the appointment as being for the period 2 March 2018 until 30 June 2019.