

Australian Capital Territory

Domestic Violence Agencies (Council) Appointment 2018 (No 2)

Disallowable instrument DI2018-228

made under the

Domestic Violence Agencies Act 1986, section 6 (Membership of Council)

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Section 5 (1) of the *Domestic Violence Agencies Act 1986* (the Act) states that the objective of the Domestic Violence Prevention Council (the Council) is to reduce the incidence of domestic violence offences. Section 5 (2) of the Act outlines the functions of the Council. Under section 5 (2) (c) of the Act, one of these functions is to advise the Minister on any matter relating to domestic violence.

Section 6 of the Act stipulates that the Council is constituted by the Domestic Violence Project Coordinator and twelve other members appointed by the Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence. Section 6 (2) (a) specifies that the appointed members must consist of six or more community members, including at least one person who the Minister considers is capable of representing the views and interests of people of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islands descent.

Section 6 (2) (b) of the Act states that the Council must also consist of other members who are statutory office holders, public servants or police officers.

Section 229 of the *Legislation Act 2001* (the Legislation Act) states that the instrument making an appointment to which division 19.3.3 applies is a disallowable instrument.

Section 227 of the Legislation Act provides that division 19.3.3 does not apply to appointees who are public servants. The person appointed by this instrument is not a public servant and as a result the Standing Committee on Justice and Community Safety has been consulted. The Committee supported the appointment.

In accordance with section 6 (3) of the Act, this instrument states the capacity in which the person is appointed.

The Minister is satisfied that the appointee is familiar with the views and interests of the community on matters relating to domestic violence and is capable of representing those views and interests as required by section 6 (4) of the Act. The Minister is satisfied that the appointee is also capable of representing the views and interests of people of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islands descent as required by section 6 (2) (a) (i) of the Act.

The appointment commences on the day after notification of the instrument of appointment and is for a term of three years.