

Australian Capital Territory

# Official Visitor (Children and Young People) Appointment 2018 (No 1)

Disallowable instrument DI2018–256

made under the

Official Visitor Act 2012, s 10 (Appointment)

## EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

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Section 10(1)(a) of the *Official Visitor Act 2012* (OV Act) authorises the Minister to appoint at least two official visitors, including one official visitor who is an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person, for the purposes of the *Children and Young People Act 2008*. The function of official visitors (OVs) is to work to protect human rights in different environments. OVs operate in ‘closed’ environments of youth and adult corrections and mental health and in ‘open’ environments including disability and homelessness services.

This instrument appoints Narelle Hargreaves for the purposes of the *Children and Young People Act 2008* and Tracey Whetnall and Tracey Lea Harris, who are Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons, for the purposes of the *Children and Young People Act 2008*. The Minister for Disability, Children and Youth has recommended the appointments of Narelle Hargreaves, Tracey Whetnall and Tracey Lea Harris as persons who are experienced and well-qualified.

As required under s. 10(2) of the OV Act, the appointing Minister has consulted with the operational Minister (being the Minister for Disability, Children and Youth) and is satisfied on reasonable grounds that Narelle Hargreaves, Tracey Whetnall and Tracey Lea Harris have suitable qualifications or experience to exercise the functions of official visitor for the purposes of the *Children and Young People Act 2008*.

The Standing Committee on Justice and Community Safety was consulted on these appointments.

Further, Narelle Hargreaves, Tracey Whetnall and Tracey Lea Harris are not excluded from appointment by being a public employee or holding a relevant interest as defined under S.10(3) of the OV Act.

In addition, Narelle Hargreaves, Tracey Whetnall and Tracey Lea Harris are not public servants as defined under the *Legislation Act 2001*.