Australian Capital Territory

Veterinary Surgeons (Acting Member) Appointment 2018 (No 3)

Notifiable instrument NI2018 – 712

made under the

Veterinary Surgeons Act 2015, section 110 (Appointment of board members)

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

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

Section 110 of that Act provides that the Minister may appoint a person as a member 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 Melanie Latter satisfies these requirements.

This instrument appoints Dr Melanie Latter as an acting member of the board for a further five months commencing the day after notification.

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 appointment of Dr Latter.

Section 228 of the *Legislation Act 2001* provides that before making an appointment to a statutory position, a Minister must consult with the relevant standing committee of the Legislative Assembly. Section 227 of the Legislation Act provides that the consultation requirement in section 228 does not apply to the appointment of a person to, or to act in, a statutory position for not longer than 6 months, unless the appointment is of the person to, or to act in, the position for a second or subsequent consecutive period. As this is the third acting appointment of Dr Latter to act as a member of the Board, the Minister consulted with the relevant standing committee.