

Australian Capital Territory

# Official Visitor (Children and Young People) 2019 Appointment (No 1)

Disallowable instrument DI2019- 86

made under the -

*Official Visitor Act 2012, s 10(1)(a) (Appointment)*

## EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

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Section 10(1)(a) of the *Official Visitor Act 2012* (the 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 *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 Chris Redmond and reappoints Tracey Lea Harris as an OV for the *Children and Young People Act 2008*. Ms Lea Harris identifies as an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander person. The Minister for Disability, Children and Youth has recommended the appointments of Chris Redmond, and reappointment Tracey Lea Harris as persons who are experienced and well-qualified.

As required under section 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 Chris Redmond, and Tracey Lea Harris have suitable qualifications or experience to exercise the functions of official visitors for the *Children and Young People Act 2008*.

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

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