

Official Visitor (Corrections Management) Appointment 2020 (No 1)

Disallowable instrument DI2020–3

made under the

Official Visitor Act 2012, s 10(1)(b) (Appointment)

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Section 10(1)(b) 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 *Corrections Management Act 2007*. 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 Vickie Quinn and Violet Sheridan as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Official Visitor for the *Corrections Management Act 2007*. Both Ms Quinn and Ms Sheridan identify as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Mr Shane Rattenbury MLA is currently the Minister responsible for both the OV Act (as appointed Minister) and the *Corrections Management Act 2007* (as Operational Minister). Section 10(2) of the OV Act, the appointing Minister to consult with the Operational Minister (being the Minister for Corrections). As Mr Shane Rattenbury currently fills both roles, he has both recommended and appoints Vickie Quinn and Violet Sheridan as persons who are experienced and well-qualified. The Minister is satisfied on reasonable grounds the both Ms Quinn and Ms Sheridan have suitable qualifications or experience to exercise the functions of Official Visitor for the purposes of the *Corrections Management Act 2007*.

Vicki Quinn and Violet Sheridan are not excluded from appointment by being a public employee or holding a relevant appointment under section 10(3) of the OV Act.