

Australian Capital Territory

Official Visitor (Disability Services) Appointment 2020 (No 1)

Disallowable instrument DI2020-43

made under the

Official Visitor Act 2012, s10(1)(c)

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

S.10(1)(c) of the *Official Visitor Act 2012* (OV Act) authorises the Minister to appoint at least one official visitor for the purposes of the *Disability Services Act 1991*. 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 for the purposes of the *Disability Services Act 1991*. The Minister for Disability has recommended the appointment of Chris Redmond as a person who is 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) and is satisfied on reasonable grounds that Chris Redmond has suitable qualifications or experience to exercise the functions of official visitor for the purposes of the *Disability Services Act 1991*.

Chris Redmon is not excluded from appointment by being a public employee or holding a relevant interest as defined under s. 10(3) of the OV Act.

The proposed appointee is not a public servant as defined under the *Legislation Act 2001*.