

Australian Capital Territory

Civil Law (Wrongs) Professional Standards Council Appointment 2020 (No 1)

Disallowable instrument DI2020–281

made under the

Civil Law (Wrongs) Act 2002, schedule 4, s 4.38, (Membership of council)

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

All States and Territories have enacted legislation which enables the establishment of a national Professional Standards Council, which is made up of individual jurisdictional councils. The objects of the legislation are to constitute Professional Standards Councils, to enable the creation of schemes to limit the civil liability of professionals and others, to facilitate the improvement of occupational standards, and to protect consumers.

Section 4.36 of schedule 4 of the *Civil Law (Wrongs) Act 2002* provides for the establishment of the ACT Professional Standards Council (PSC). The ACT PSC consists of eleven people appointed by the Minister who have the experience, skills and qualifications the Minister considers appropriate to enable them to make a contribution to the work of the ACT PSC.

All States and Territories have agreed to appoint the same eleven members to their Professional Standards Councils. The Professional Standards Councils will be comprised of one member nominated by each of the States and Territories and the Commonwealth, with the exception of NSW and Victoria, which will nominate two.

Victoria has appointed Dr Pamela Montgomery as a member of its Professional Standards Council beginning 1 July 2020 until 30 June 2023.

The instrument appoints Dr Pamela Montgomery as a member of the ACT PSC until 30 June 2023.

The Minister is satisfied that Dr Montgomery possesses the experience, skills and qualifications to enable her to make a contribution to the work of the ACT PSC.

Dr Montgomery is not a public servant as defined under the *Legislation Act 2001*. As required by the Legislation Act, the Standing Committee on Justice and Community Safety has been consulted on the appointment. The Committee has provided no comment on the appointment.

This instrument also revokes DI2018-222. That instrument appointed Ms Elizabeth Shearer to the PSC until 2 April 2021. Ms Shearer resigned her appointment on 1 January 2020.