

Australian Capital Territory

Official Visitor (Disability Services) Appointment 2021 (No 1)

Disallowable instrument DI2021-48

made under the

Official Visitor Act 2012, s. 10(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 Mrs Tracey Gullo for the purposes of the *Disability Services Act 1991*. This instrument also revokes Mr Chris Redmond’s appointment for the purposes of the *Disability Services Act 1991* as he is resigning from the position.

Tara Cheyne MLA is Minister responsible for the OV Act (as appointing Minister) and Emma Davison MLA is responsible for the *Disability Services Act 1991* (as Operational Minister). S. 10(2) of the OV Act requires the appointing Minister to consult with the Operational Minister. The Operational Minister has agreed to the appointment and is satisfied that Mrs Gullo has suitable qualifications and experience to exercise the official visitor functions for the purposes of the *Disability Services Act 1991*.

Mrs Gullo is not excluded from appointment as she is not a public employee or holding a relevant interest as defined under s. 10(3) of the OV Act. Mrs Gullo is not a public employee as defined under the *Legislation Act 2001*.