

Australian Capital Territory

Civil Law (Wrongs) Professional Standards Council Appointment 2021 (No 6)

Disallowable instrument DI2021–116

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.

Section 4.36 of schedule 4 of the *Civil Law (Wrongs) Act 2002* provides for the establishment of the ACT Professional Standards Council (ACTPSC). The ACTPSC 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 ACTPSC. The ACTPSC assesses and approves applications for Professional Standards schemes which limit the civil liability of occupational associations' members. The ACTPSC has an important role in facilitating the improvement of occupational standards and in protecting consumers across Australia.

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 New South Wales (NSW) and Victoria, which will nominate two.

The appointee subject of this instrument is the ACT Member, appointed at the discretion of this jurisdiction, to the Professional Standards Councils. The instrument appoints Ms Catherine Wood as a member of the ACTPSC until 30 June 2024.

The Minister is satisfied that Ms Wood possesses the experience, skills and qualifications to enable her to make a contribution to the work of the ACTPSC. Ms Wood is not a public servant as defined under the *Legislation Act 2001*. As Ms Wood is the ACT appointee, this instrument complies with the requirements set out in Division 193.3 of the *Legislation Act 2001*.