

Australian Capital Territory

Electoral (Commission Chairperson) Appointment 2021

Disallowable instrument DI2021–225

made under

Electoral Act 1992, s 12 (Appointment)

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Section 12 of the *Electoral Act 1992* (the Act) provides for the Speaker to appoint a chairperson to the Electoral Commission. This instrument appoints **David Wayne Kalisch** as chairperson of the Electoral Commission. The appointment is taken to have commenced on 10 September 2021 and ends on 9 September 2026 and is non-prejudicial.

Section 12 (2) of the Act requires that, before a new chairperson is appointed, the Speaker consult with the Chief Minister and the Leader of the Opposition and with the leader of any other registered party if at least 2 members of the Legislative Assembly are members of the party. The Speaker undertook this consultation and no objections to the proposed appointment were received.

Section 12 (3) of the Act requires that the Speaker must not appoint a chairperson of the Electoral Commission unless satisfied that the person has extensive knowledge of, and experience in electoral systems or management or public administration or another area that is relevant to and consistent with the functions of a member of the Electoral Commission. The Speaker was satisfied that the appointment was consistent with this requirement.

The Speaker was also satisfied that the appointment met the eligibility conditions as set out in s 12C of the Act.

The appointment was made on the agreement of the Standing Committee on Justice and Community Safety.

The instrument of appointment is a disallowable instrument.