

Australian Capital Territory

# Veterinary Practice (Board) Appointment 2021 (No 1)

**Disallowable instrument DI2021-235**

made under the

**Veterinary Practice Act 2018, section 93 (Board membership)**

## EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

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Part 7 of the *Veterinary Practice Act 2018* (the Act) establishes the Veterinary Practitioners Board (Board) and sets out its functions. Section 93 of the Act provides that the Board consists of 7 members appointed by the Minister.

Under Section 94 of the Act, members can be appointed to the Board for a term of no longer than 3 years.

Section 93 of the Act provides the members that make up the Board.

Section 93(1)(b) of the Act provides for a person who is a registered veterinary practitioner and has been registered for a continuous period of at least 3 years immediately before the day of the appointment.

This instrument appoints Dr Gibbs and Dr Schipp as a member of the board for 3 years commencing the day after notification. Both Dr Peter Gibbs and Dr Mark Schipp meet the requirements under section 93(1)(b).

Section 96 of the Act provides that before appointing someone, other than a community representative, to the board the Minister must consult the board. The Minister has consulted the board on the appointment of Dr Gibbs and Dr Schipp.

Section 96(2) of the Act provides that the Minister must also seek advice, and nominations, from declared professional bodies and other entities the Minister considers suitable to give advice, and make nominations, in relation to the board. The Minister has sought advice and nominations from:

- an industry representative: ACT division of the Australian Veterinary Association;
- an academic institution: Charles Sturt University; and
- an academic institution: University of Sydney.

Neither Dr Gibbs nor Dr Schipp are public servants. Division 19.3.3 of the *Legislation Act 2001* applies to these appointments. Prior to making this appointment, in accordance with section 228 of the *Legislation Act 2001*, the Minister consulted the Legislative Assembly's Standing Committee on Planning, Transport and City Services.