

Australian Capital Territory

# Tree Protection (Advisory Panel) Appointment 2022 (No 1)

Disallowable instrument DI2022–240

made under the

Tree Protection Act 2005, s 69 (Members of advisory panel)

## EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

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Section 68 of the *Tree Protection Act 2005* (the Act) establishes the Tree Advisory Panel. Section 69 (1) of the Act provides that the advisory panel consists of 3 or more members appointed by the Minister. Under section 69 (2) of the Act, members must be appointed to the advisory panel for a term of at least 1 year and not longer than 2 years.

Section 69 (3) of the Act provides that the Minister must not appoint a person to the Tree Advisory Panel unless the person has extensive experience in 1 or more of the following fields:

- (a) arboriculture;
- (b) forestry;
- (c) horticulture;
- (d) landscape architecture;
- (e) natural and cultural heritage.

This instrument appoints Mr Neil Cooper as a member of the Tree Advisory Panel for a period of 1 year and 9 months.

Mr Cooper has qualifications in Forestry and holds extensive experience in the conservation of reserves, including fire trails and the commissioning of Arborists.

Mr Cooper is not a public servant. Section 228 of the *Legislation Act 2001* provides that before making an appointment to a statutory position, a Minister must consult with the relevant standing committee of the Legislative Assembly. The Minister consulted with the Standing Committee on Planning, Transport and City Services who agreed to note the appointments with no further recommendations.