

Domestic Violence Agencies (Domestic Violence Prevention Council) Appointment 2023 (No 1)

Disallowable instrument DI2023-9

made under the

Domestic Violence Agencies Act 1986, section 7 (Appointment of council members)

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The *Domestic Violence Agencies Act 1986* governs the constitution and functions of the Domestic Violence Prevention Council (the DVPC), along with some other matters relating to domestic and family violence prevention and response in the ACT. The DVPC's functions and membership are set out in Part 2 of the Act.

Section 6(a)-(e) provides that the DVPC includes 5 ex-officio members; these are members who are automatically part of the DVPC because of the position they hold. For example, the Victims of Crime Commissioner is an ex-officio member.

Section 6(f) provides that the remainder of the DVPC membership consists of members appointed by the Minister pursuant to Section 7.

This instrument is a disallowable instrument which appoints 8 members pursuant to Section 6(f). All 8 members appointed pursuant to this instrument are appointed for a 3-year period.

Agata Pukiewicz is appointed as a person who represents the interests of people of culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, pursuant to Section 7(1)(c). Ms Pukiewicz is not an ACT public servant.

Amanda Alford is appointed as a person with skills or experience relevant to the functions of the DVPC, pursuant to Section 7(2). Ms Alford is not an ACT public servant.

Kat Reed is appointed as a chief executive officer or equivalent of a community-based organisation which provides support services or undertakes advocacy, research or policy development in relation to domestic and family violence, pursuant to Section 7(1)(a). Mx Reed is the Chief Executive Officer of Women with Disabilities ACT. Mx Reed is not an ACT public servant.

Lauren Anthes is appointed as a chief executive officer or equivalent of a community-based organisation that provides support services or undertakes advocacy, research or policy development in relation to domestic and family violence, pursuant to Section 7(1)(a). Ms Anthes is the Chief Executive Officer of Women's Health Matters. Ms Anthes is not an ACT public servant.

Papunya Connors is appointed as a person who represents the interests of an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander community, pursuant to Section 7(1)(b). Ms Connors is not an ACT public servant.

Robyn Martin is appointed as a chief executive officer or equivalent of a community-based organisation that provides support services or undertakes advocacy, research or policy development in relation to domestic and family violence, pursuant to Section 7(1)(a). Ms Martin is the Chief Executive Officer of Beryl Women Inc. Ms Martin is not an ACT public servant.

Zakia Patel is appointed as a chief executive officer or equivalent of a community-based organisation that provides support services or undertakes advocacy, research or policy development in relation to domestic and family violence, pursuant to Section 7(1)(a). Ms Patel is the Regional Managing Director of Multicultural Hub Canberra and Regional NSW. Ms Patel is not an ACT public servant.

Tanya Keed is appointed as a person who represents the interests of an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander community, pursuant to Section 7(1)(b). Ms Keed is an ACT public servant. As such, her appointment does not require a disallowable instrument. However, as this instrument appoints all 8 members together, Ms Keed is included in this disallowable instrument.

As required under Division 19.3.3 of the *Legislation Act 2001*, these are statutory positions with functions broader than advising the Minister.

Consultation was undertaken with the Standing Committee on Health and Community Wellbeing regarding the appointments. The Committee had no concerns about the proposed appointments.

This instrument revokes the *Domestic Violence Agencies (Council) Appointment 2020 (No 2)* [NI2020-175].