

Australian Capital Territory

Tree Protection (Advisory Panel) Appointment 2023 (No 3)

Disallowable instrument DI2023–235

made under the

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

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

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 re-appoints Mr Richard Hart as Chair of the Tree Advisory Panel for a period of 2 years.

Mr Hart holds a Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Forestry Science and has extensive experience as an Arborist.

Mr Hart is not a public servant. Division 19.3.3 of the *Legislation Act 2001* applies to this appointment. 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 who did not object to the appointment.