

Victims of Crime (Victims Advisory Board) Appointment 2025 (No 3)

Disallowable instrument DI2025–289

made under the

Victims of Crime Act 1994, s 22D (Appointed members of board)

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The *Victims of Crime Act 1994* (the Act), at section 22A, provides for the establishment of the Victims Advisory Board (the Board). The functions of the Board are to advise the Minister on policies, priorities and strategies for the acknowledgement, protection and promotion of the interests of victims in the administration of justice; and if asked by the Minister – to help develop and maintain protocols and procedures for the treatment of victims by agencies involved in the administration of justice.

Section 22D(2) of the Act provides the Minister must appoint 1 person who is a lawyer.

This instrument appoints Ms Emily Hallt as a member of the Board for a period of three years commencing on the day after the notification of the instrument of appointment.

Ms Hallt was chosen as part of an open merit process by a selection committee formed by the Justice and Community Safety Directorate. Ms Hallt is a is not a public servant and is admitted as a legal practitioner to the ACT Supreme Court.

Under section 228 of the *Legislation Act 2001* (ACT), this appointment required consultation with the Legislative Assembly Standing Committee on Legal Affairs (the **Standing Committee**). The Standing Committee had no comment on the appointment.