

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

**Health Regulation (Maternal Health Information)
Act 1998**

INSTRUMENT NO. 65 OF 1999

**APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE
ADVISORY PANEL ON ABORTION INFORMATION**

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The Advisory Panel on Abortion information (the Panel) is appointed under Part III, Section 14 of the *Health Regulation (Maternal Health Information) Act 1998* (the Act). The Panel is established to approve materials containing information on the medical risks of termination of pregnancy and of carrying a pregnancy to term.

The appointments below fulfil the requirements of the Act that Panel members be appointed from nominations received in particular categories from specific bodies, as follows:

- (a) Dr Michael Peek: a specialist in obstetrics nominated by the ACT Health and Community Care Services Board;
- (b) Dr Scott Morris: a specialist in neo-natal medicine nominated ACT Health and Community Care Services Board;
- (c) Dr Ken Little: a specialist in obstetrics nominated by the Calvary Hospital Board of Management;
- (d) Dr Michael Rosier: a specialist in neo-natal medicine nominated by the Calvary Hospital Board of Management;
- (e) Dr Kate Lubbe: a specialist in psychiatry nominated by the ACT branch of the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists;
- (f) Ms Christine Ashley-Coe: a registered nurse, currently specialising in women's health issues, nominated by the Calvary Hospital Board of Management; and
- (g) Ms Kathryn Coonan: a registered nurse, currently specialising in neonatal medicine, nominated by the ACT Health and Community Care Services Board.

The additional requirement that the Panel comprise at least three women among its membership has been met.

The term of office of the Panel members is not specified in the Act.

Consultation with the Standing Committee on Health and Community Care has taken place in accordance with the *Statutory Appointments Act 1994*.