

Australian Capital Territory

# Board of Senior Secondary Studies Appointment 2026 (No 3)

## Disallowable Instrument DI2026-76

made under the

*Board of Senior Secondary Studies Act 1997*, Section 8 Membership of board

## Explanatory Statement

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The *Board of Senior Secondary Studies Act 1997* governs the establishment, functions and membership of the Board of Senior Secondary Studies.

Section 8 of the Act deals with appointment of members and requires such appointments to be made by the Minister.

This vacancy has arisen due to the resignation of Professor Royston Gustavson as the member on the Board nominated under Section 8 (1) (d) of the Act, by the Australian National University.

Under Section 8 (1) (d) the Australian National University was consulted as a representative body in the Act. The letter requested a nominee, and it was noted the criterion for membership as set out in Section 8 (3) of the Act which states;

*The Minister may appoint a person to be a board member only if satisfied that the person has qualification and expertise relevant to the function of the board.*

This instrument appoints Associate Professor Mathew Davies as a member of the ACT Board of Senior Secondary Studies for a period of three years commencing the day after notification.

The appointee is not a public servant and the determination is a disallowable instrument for the purpose of division 19.3.3 of the *Legislation Act 2001*.

The Legislative Assembly Standing Committee on Social Policy was consulted and has no objections to the appointment.