

Australian Capital Territory

Explanatory Statement

Public Health (Chief Health Officer) Appointment 2026

Disallowable Instrument DI2026-139

made under the

Public Health Act 1997, section 7 (Chief health officer)

Section 7 of the *Public Health Act 1997* (the Act) provides that the Minister for Health must appoint a person to be chief health officer. The Act also requires that the person appointed must be a public servant and a doctor.

This instrument appoints Dr Heidi Carroll as the ACT Chief Health Officer. Dr Carroll is a public servant and a doctor, as is required by section 7 (2). Pursuant to section 7 (3) this instrument is a disallowable instrument.

The appointment confers on Dr Carroll the statutory powers under the *Public Health Act 1997* as set out in section 9 of the Act.

The appointment commences the day after notification and ends on 26 March 2027. The instrument revokes the previous appointment.

As Dr Carroll is a public servant, section 227 of the *Legislation Act 2001* provides that division 19.3.3 of that Act does not apply to this appointment and consultation with the relevant Standing Committee is not required.