

# Legal Aid (Commissioner – ACTCOSS Nominee) Appointment 2026

## Disallowable instrument DI2026-176

made under the

*Legal Aid Act 1977*, s 16 (Constitution of board)

## EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

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The *Legal Aid Act 1977* (the Act), at section 14, provides for the establishment of the board of the Legal Aid Commission (the Board). The functions of the Board are to determine the broad policies, priorities and strategies of the Commission for the provision of legal assistance, and to ensure that the commission's affairs are managed in accordance with the Act.

Section 16 (1) (c) (iv) of the Act provides for a commissioner chosen from a panel of not less than 3 people nominated by the executive committee of Australian Capital Territory Council of Social Service Inc (ACTCOSS). Pursuant to section 50, a person is not eligible for appointment as a commissioner nominated by ACTCOSS if the person is a legal practitioner.

This instrument appoints Mr Jeremy Halcrow as part-time member of the Board and commissioner of the Board for a period of three years commencing on 20 August 2026.

Members of the board appointed by the Minister are appointed on a part-time basis, under section 16(4) of the Act.

Mr Halcrow is not a public servant.

Under section 228 of the *Legislation Act 2001*, this appointment required consultation with the Legislative Assembly Standing Committee on Legal Affairs. The Committee advised that it had no recommendations to make.