Australian Capital Territory

Domestic Violence Agencies (Information Sharing Coordinator) Declaration 2026 (No 1)

Disallowable instrument DI2026-240

made under the

Domestic Violence Agencies Act 1986, s 16AF (Information sharing coordinator)

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Part 3 of the *Domestic Violence Agencies Act 1986* (established by the *Domestic Violence Agencies (Information Sharing) Amendment Act 2024*) created the Domestic and Family Violence Information Sharing Scheme (the Scheme). The information sharing coordinator (ISC) is a legislated component of the Scheme, designed to have an oversight, arbitration and victim-survivor engagement function. The ISC will provide oversight of the Scheme by facilitating information sharing, including requiring information sharing entities to share under certain circumstance; as well as undertaking capacity building and coordination activities that will support implementation. The Scheme cannot legally operate without an ISC.

In accordance with section 16AF of the *Domestic Violence Agencies Act 1986* (The DVA Act), the Minister may declare an entity to be the ISC if satisfied that the entity has suitable expertise and experience to exercise the functions of the ISC. The declaration may identify a position, person or entity.

This instrument declares the person who, from time to time, occupies the position identified by position number P72536 to be the Information Sharing Coordinator. Inherent in the requirements of this position is the suitable expertise and experience to exercise the functions of the ISC, as required under section 16AF. Through the ordinary course of merit-based recruitment, the person offered this position is the person considered most capable of performing the role and its duties.

The ISC as declared through this instrument is located within the ACT Human Rights Commission under the Victims of Crime Commissioner (VOCC). This arrangement will ensure the ISC can exercise its functions at arm's length of key service delivery directorates, however, can also work in proximity with all key service entities and programs. In accordance with its legislative obligations the ISC will exercise its functions independently, that is, without direction from another party (including the VOCC).