

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

INSTRUMENT NO. 212 OF 1998

FOR APPOINTMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE TO THE MEDICAL BOARD OF THE ACT

The Medical Practitioners (Amendment) Bill 1997 (the Bill) was passed in the Legislative Assembly on 9 December 1997, and was enacted and commenced on 19 December 1997. The Bill amended section 8 of the *Medical Practitioners Act 1930* (Medical Act) to expand the constitution of the Board by including two additional appointed members as community representatives, neither of whom is entitled to be registered by a Board within the meaning of the *Health Professions Boards (Procedures) Act* or under the *Dental Technicians and Dental Prosthetists Act 1988*. One of these, however, must be a legal practitioner.

The appointment of the community representative (legal practitioner) was published in the Gazette on Friday 13 February 1998.

An advertisement was placed in the Canberra Times newspaper on Saturday 28 March 1998 and Wednesday 1 April 1998 seeking expressions of interest for appointment to the Board of a community representative. The closing date for nominations was 24 April 1998.

The only nomination received for the position was from Ms Rieteke Chenoweth. The appointment of Ms Chenoweth to the Medical Board is for a period of three years commencing on 2 September 1998 to and including 25 August 2001.