

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE ACT 1989

APPOINTMENT OF JUSTICES OF THE PEACE

INSTRUMENT NO. 5 OF 1999

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Under subsection 3(1) of the *Justices of the Peace Act 1989* the Minister may, by instrument, appoint such Justices of the Peace as he or she thinks fit.

A Justice of the Peace is required, before commencing to perform the duties of his or her office, to take an oath or make an affirmation of office before a Judge of the Supreme Court in accordance with the form in the Schedule to the Act.

The Registrar of the Supreme Court is required to keep a Register known as *The Register of Justices of the Peace of the Australian Capital Territory*. After appointment persons are entered in the Register.

Justices serve the community by witnessing the signing of documents including affidavits and the certification of copies of documents.

The persons listed in the attached instrument of appointment have been the subject of consultation pursuant to the *Statutory Appointments Act 1994* with the Standing Committee of Justice and Community Safety. The Committee advised that it had no concerns with the appointments.

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