

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

COMMISSIONER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT ACT 1993

**COMMISSIONER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT
APPOINTMENT 2004 (NO 2)**

Disallowable Instrument DI2004-75

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Overview

Section 4(1) of the *Commissioner for the Environment Act 1993* states that there shall be a Commissioner for the Environment appointed by instrument by the Minister.

The Commissioner holds office on such terms and conditions (if any) in respect of matters not provided for by the Act as are determined by instrument by the Minister. The Commissioner may be appointed for a period not exceeding five years.

Dr Rosemary Purdie has extensive and authoritative experience in environmental policy and natural resource management issues. Dr Purdie was chosen from a field of applicants generated by an Australia-wide call for expressions of interest.

This is a new appointment for five years to replace the recently retired inaugural Commissioner, Dr Joseph Baker.

This Instrument is a disallowable instrument and will be published in the ACT Government Gazette.

In accordance with subsection 228(1) of the *Legislation Act 2001* the appointment was referred to the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment for consideration. The Committee raised no objections to the appointment.