

Australian Capital Territory

Explanatory Statement

Health Professionals (ACT Nursing and Midwifery Board) Appointment 2006 (No 1)

Disallowable instrument DI2006 —11

made under the

Health Professionals Regulation 2004, Schedule 3 clause 3.9 and Schedule 4 clause 4.7

The *Health Professionals Act 2004* (HP Act) commenced operation in relation to Nurses and Midwives in January 2006 and replaced the *Nurses Act 1988*. Of the positions of President and five members, two are to be community representatives whilst one is to be an enrolled nurse, one is to be a registered nurse and one is to be a midwife. Of the three professional members one is to be the President. The remaining four members were elected by the professions in December August and September 2005.

The HP Act provides for the registration of persons engaged in nursing and midwifery practice to enable them to practise nursing and midwifery in the ACT.

This instrument makes appointments under the *Legislation Act 2001*. Accordingly, the instrument is a disallowable instrument.

The Health and Disability Standing Committee has considered the appointments and has made no comment.

Ms Mary Kirk is to be appointed as President to February 2008. Ms Donna Mowbray, Ms Pat Piedrafita, Ms Phyl Crawford and Ms Jane Ferry are to be appointed to February 2009. Future appointments will then revert to the standard process of appointment for four year terms.