

Australian Capital Territory

Explanatory Statement

Health Professions Boards (Procedures) – Dental Board of the ACT 2002 (No. 1)

Disallowable instrument DI2002—205

made under the

Health Professions Boards (Procedures) Act 1981, section 5 (Appointment of Members)

The Board is established under section 6 of the *Dentists Act 1931* and comprises the Chair, and 7 other members. Of these eight, three are elected by the profession in accordance with the *Health Professions Boards (Elections) Act 1980* and five (including the Chair) are appointed by the Minister in accordance with the *Health Professions Boards (Procedures) Act 1981*.

The Act provides for the registration of dentists, specialists dentists and dental hygienists for related purposes. All registered dentists and specialists dentists were notified by circular of the forthcoming term of office.

A person is not eligible for appointment as a member unless the person is a registered dental practitioner in the ACT. The person also needs to have been able, at all times during the immediately preceding 3 years, under the law of State or Territory, to practice dentistry in that State or Territory.

Consultation with the Standing Committee for Health has taken place in accordance with the *Legislation Act 2001*. This instrument makes an appointment to which the *Legislation Act 2001*, division 19.3.3 applies. Accordingly, the instrument is a disallowable instrument (see *Legislation Act 2001*, s 229).

None of the appointees are public servants.