

Australian Capital Territory

Victims of Crime (Coordinator Appointment) 2007 (No 1)

Disallowable Instrument DI2007-294

made under the

Victims of Crime Act 1994, s15

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The *Victims of Crime Act 1994*, (the Act), at section 15, provides for the appointment by the Minister of the Victims of Crime Coordinator (VoCC).

The instrument reappoints a person to the VoCC in accordance with the Act commencing on 22 May 2007 until 21 May 2010.

The *Victims of Crime Act 1994* section 13 provides for the protection of coordinators in relation to the performance of the VoCC's functions under the Act. It is appropriate that Ms Holder's appointment be backdated to commence from 22 May 2007 to ensure that this protection extends to the performance of the VoCC's functions while Ms Holder has been acting in the position.

Section 76 of the *Legislation Act 2001* provides that a statutory instrument may commence retrospectively if it does not operate prejudicially. The retrospective appointment does not impose any liabilities on any person. It ensures that Ms Holder's right to protection in relation to the performance of her function as VOCC extends to the period in which she was acting in the position.

Ms Holder is not an ACT public servant. Pursuant to section 228 of the *Legislation Act 2001*, this appointment required consultation with the Standing on Committee on Legal Affairs. The Committee was consulted on this appointment and has advised that it has no comment.