

# Architects Board Acting Appointment 2010 (No 1)

## Notifiable Instrument NI2010-705

### EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

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This notifiable instrument appoints a member to the Australian Capital Territory Architects Board (the Board) for a period which expires on 20 March 2011

Section 64 of the Act provides for the establishment of the Board. The principal functions of the Board are:

- to register architects;
- to investigate complaints about registered people and people who have been registered;
- to take disciplinary action where necessary;
- to consider and report to the Minister about issues referred to the Board by the Minister;
- to advise the Minister in relation to the practice of architecture;
- to further a common legislative approach through cooperation with other jurisdictions;
- to accredit courses of study in architecture; and
- to provide general advice to consumers about the professional conduct and standards of competence expected of registered architects.

Under section 66 the Board must exercise its functions independently, impartially and in the public interest. However the Board is still required to respond to Ministerial directions to the Board.

Section 70 of the Act requires the Minister to appoint five members to the Board. Section 70 stipulates the requirements for each position:

- one member must be, nominated in writing by a representative body;
- one member must be, or have recently been an academic architect;
- one member must be a registered architect;
- one member must be a commercial lawyer; and
- one member is to represent community interests, and must not be a registered architect.

The appointee is an ACT Public Servant.