Australian Capital Territory

Explanatory Statement

Health Professionals (Veterinary Surgeons Board) Appointment 2011 (No 2)

Disallowable instrument DI2011—25

made under the
**Health Professionals Act 2004,
Health Professionals Regulation 2004, Section 5 (Appointment of President) and Section 10 (Appointment of Board Members)**

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The *Health Professionals Act 2004* (the Act) protects the public from the risk of harm by ensuring that the people who provide health services regulated by the Act are competent to provide health services.

The Veterinary Surgeons Board (the Board) is established under section 4 of the Health Professionals Regulation 2004 (the Regulation).

The Board is comprised of three members elected by the profession, and three members appointed by the Minister, one of whom must be a community representative. The Minister must also appoint a member to be the President of the Board in accordance with section 5 of the Regulation.

A person is not eligible for appointment as President of the Board or as a member unless the person is a registered veterinary surgeon in the ACT and has been registered to practice as veterinary surgeon at all times during the 3 years immediately preceding the making of the appointment. However, the Board must also have a member that is a community representative, and this member may not be a member of the veterinary profession.

This instrument appoints Dr Meischke to be both a member of the Board until 9 October 2014. Dr Meischke is a registered veterinary surgeon with extensive experience.

This appointment was made in accordance with the legislative requirements imposed by Division 19.3.3 of the *Legislation Act 2001.* Accordingly, the instrument is a disallowable instrument pursuant to section 229 of the *Legislation Act 2001.*

As Dr Meischke is not a public servant, consultation with the Standing Committee on Health, Community and Social Services (the Standing Committee) has taken place in accordance with the *Legislation Act 2001.* The Standing Committee accepted the appointment of Dr Meischke.