

Australian Capital Territory

## Explanatory Statement

# Health Professionals (Veterinary Surgeons Board) Appointment 2011 (No 3)

### Disallowable instrument DI2011—195

made under the

**Health Professionals Act 2004,  
Health Professionals Regulation 2004, Section 10 (Appointment of Board Members),  
Section 12 (Community representatives)**

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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 Ms Jerga to be the community representative member of the Board until 1 June 2015. Ms Jerga is on the community representative list for the Board in accordance with section 12 of the Regulation.

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*.

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 Ms Jerga.