## Radiation Protection (Council Member) Appointment 2013 (No 2)

Notifiable instrument NI 2013-569

made under the

Radiation Protection Act 2006, s 68 (Council Members)

## **EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**

The Radiation Protection Act 2006 (Radiation Act) governs the establishment and composition of the Radiation Council (the Council).

The Council has the following functions: issuing licenses; registering regulated radiation sources; providing advice to the Minister on radiation issues; and exercising any other function allocated to it under the Radiation Act or another territory law.

Section 68 of the Radiation Act provides the Minister with the power to appoint the Council members. The Council must include a member of the public, a radiologist, an expert person who has knowledge of the physical properties and or the biological effects of radiation and another person whom the Minister believes has particular qualifications or experience that would assist the Council undertaking its functions. Each Council member is appointed for a period of not more than three years.

This instrument makes appointments under the *Legislation Act 2001*. The appointee is an ACT Government public servant and as such, Division 19.3.3 of the *Legislation Act 2001* does not apply. Accordingly, this instrument is a notifiable instrument.

Dr Mervin Despois is appointed as a Member of the Radiation Council for a period of three years. All the members of the Radiation Council are part time. Dr Mervin Despois is appointed to the Council as a registered doctor in the specialist area of radiology.