

Australian Capital Territory

Official Visitor (Disabilities Services) Appointment 2013 (No 2)

Disallowable instrument DI2013-327

made under the

Official Visitor Act 2012, section 10 (Appointment)

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

This instrument appoints Ms Narelle Hargreaves OAM as an official visitor for a period commencing on 1 March 2014 and ending on 28 February 2015. The maximum permitted term of appointment is three years.

The appointment of an official visitor is provided for under section 10 of the *Official Visitor Act 2012*. Under this section, the Minister must appoint at least one person who possesses suitable qualifications or experience to exercise the functions of an official visitor under the *Disabilities Services Act 1991*. The Minister must not appoint a public employee as an official visitor. Ms Hargreaves is not a public employee.

Ms Hargreaves OAM is an experienced official visitor, with more than five years of experience as the official visitor for the *Children and Young People Act 2008*. She has worked in education for many years, including as a school principal and a director within the public service.

Ms Hargreaves has experience as an advocate including as an official visitor, as Chair of the Milestone Review Panel, and as Chair of the ACT Children and Youth Services Council. Her commitment to the ACT community has been evident in various roles such as her current position as Chair of the Canberra/Nara Sister City Committee.