

Australian Capital Territory

Emergencies (Bushfire Council Members) Appointment 2014 (No 2)

Disallowable instrument DI2014–255

made under the

Emergencies Act 2004, s 129 (Bushfire council members)

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The Bushfire Council, established under section 127 of the *Emergencies Act 2004*, has the function of advising the Minister about matters relating to bushfires.

Under section 129 (1) of the *Emergencies Act 2004* the Minister must appoint members of the Bushfire Council. Under section 129 (2) the Minister must try to ensure that people with particular skills, interests and experience are among the members appointed. The appointments are made according to these requirements.

Mr Steve Angus has twenty eight years experience in rural firefighting with the ACT Rural Fire Service. Mr Angus has been recommended by the ACT Rural Landholders' Association (RLA) due to his years of service with the ACTRFS as a volunteer, his status as an ACT rural lessee and member of the RLA.

The instrument appoints Mr Steve Angus as a Member of the Bushfire Council. The appointment commences on the day after notification and expires on 30 September 2017.

Mr Steve Angus is not a public servant as defined under the *Legislation Act 2001*.

The Standing Committee on Justice and Community Safety has been consulted on the appointment as required under the provisions of the *Legislation Act 2001*. The Committee advised that it had no concerns with the appointment.