

Australian Capital Territory

# Official Visitor (Children and Young People Services) Visit and Complaint Guidelines 2015 (No. 3)

Disallowable Instrument DI2015–284

made under the

*Official Visitor Act 2012*, section 23 (visit and complaint guidelines)

## EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

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Section 23 (1) of the *Official Visitor Act 2012*, allows the Minister, after consulting the operational Minister for an operational Act, to make guidelines about -

- (a) visits by an official visitor for the operational Act; and
  - (b) the handling of complaints, and referral of complaints to investigative entities, by an official visitor for the operational Act.
- (2) The guidelines must include a schedule that sets out—
- (a) each visitable place that an official visitor must visit; and
  - (b) how often the official visitor must visit the place.
- (3) A guideline is a disallowable instrument.

The *Official Visitor Act 2012*, sets out the functions of official visitors which includes visiting visitable places, handling complaints from entitled people and reporting on those matters. Part 2.3 section 37 of the *Children and Young People Act 2008*, defines what is an entitled person and a visitable place for the *Official Visitor Act*. This part also prescribes other matters for the *Official Visitor Act*.

This Instrument is necessary to provide guidance for the appointees with statutory authority to perform the duties of the Children and Young People Official Visitor under the *Children and Young People Act 2008*.