

Australian Capital Territory

# Civil Law (Wrongs) Professional Standards Council Appointment 2015 (No 4)

Disallowable instrument DI2015–285

made under the

*Civil Law (Wrongs) Act 2002*, s 4.38, schedule 4 (Membership of council)

## EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

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All States and Territories have enacted legislation which enables the establishment of a national Professional Standards Council, which is made up of individual jurisdictional councils. The objects of the legislation are to constitute Professional Standards Councils, to enable the creation of schemes to limit the civil liability of professionals and others, to facilitate the improvement of occupational standards, and to protect consumers.

Section 4.36 of schedule 4 of the *Civil Law (Wrongs) Act 2002* provides for the establishment of the ACT Professional Standards Council (ACT Council). The ACT Council consists of eleven people appointed by the Minister who have the experience, skills and qualifications the Minister considers appropriate to enable them to make a contribution to the work of the ACT Council.

All States and Territories have agreed to appoint the same eleven members to their Professional Standards Councils. The Professional Standards Councils will be comprised of one member nominated by each of the States and Territories and the Commonwealth, with the exception of NSW and Victoria, which will nominate two.

Tasmania has appointed Ms Tiina-Liisa Sexton as a member of its Council from 1 June 2015 to 31 December 2017.

The instrument appoints Ms Sexton as a member of the ACT Council from the day after notification and ending on 31 December 2017. This appointment ensures that Tasmania is represented on the ACT Council.

Mr Tom Karp was appointed as the Commonwealth member of the Tasmanian Council from 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2017.

The instrument appoints Mr Karp as a member of the ACT Council from the day after notification and ending on 30 June 2017. This appointment ensures that the Commonwealth is represented on the ACT Council.

The Minister is satisfied that Ms Sexton and Mr Karp have the experience, skills and qualifications to enable them to make a contribution to the work of the ACT Council.

Ms Sexton and Mr Karp are not public servants as defined under the *Legislation Act 2001*. As required by the Legislation Act, the Standing Committee on Justice and Community Safety has been consulted on the appointment. The Committee has provided no comment on the appointment.