

Australian Capital Territory

Official Visitor (Corrections Management) Appointment 2017 (No 2)

Instrument NI2017–304

made under the

Official Visitor Act 2012, s 10 (Appointment)

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Section 10(1)(b) of the *Official Visitor Act 2012* (OV Act) authorises the Minister to appoint at least two official visitors for the purposes of the *Corrections Management Act 2007*. The function of official visitors (OVs) is to work to protect human rights in different environments. OVs operate in ‘closed’ environments of youth and adult corrections and mental health and in ‘open’ environments including disability and homelessness services.

This instrument appoints Shannon Pickles as OV for the purposes of the *Corrections Management Act 2007*. The Minister responsible for the *Corrections Management Act 2007* has commended the appointment of Shannon Pickles as a person who is qualified and experienced.

Subsection 10(2) of the OV Act requires the appointing Minister to consult with the operational Minister. Minister Rattenbury is the Minister responsible for both the OV Act and the *Corrections Management Act 2007*. The Minister has recommended the appointment of Shannon Pickles and is satisfied on reasonable grounds that he has suitable qualifications or experience to exercise the functions of official visitor for the purposes of the *Corrections Management Act 2007*.

Further, Shannon Pickles is not excluded from appointment by being a public employee or holding a relevant interest as defined under s 10(3) of the OV Act.

Shannon Pickles is not a public servant as defined under the *Legislation Act 2001*.