

Australian Capital Territory

# Veterinary Surgeons (Acting Board President and Acting Member) Appointment 2017 (No 1)

**Notifiable instrument NI2017– 442**

made under the

**Veterinary Surgeons Act 2015, section 108 (Appointment of board president) and section 110 (Appointment of board members)**

## EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

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Part 10 of the *Veterinary Surgeons Act 2015* (the ACT) establishes the ACT Veterinary Surgeons Board and sets out its functions.

Section 108 of that Act provides that the Minister may appoint a person as the president of the board if the person is a registered veterinary surgeon and has been registered for a continuous period of at least 3 years immediately before the day of the appointment. Dr Steven Roberts satisfies these requirements.

This instrument appoints Dr Steven Roberts as acting president of the board until 31 December 2017, commencing the day after notification.

Section 110 of that Act provides that the Minister may appoint a person as a member of the board (other than the community representative) if the person is a registered veterinary surgeon and has been registered for a continuous period of at least 3 years immediately before the day of the appointment. Dr Sarah Webb satisfies these requirements.

This instrument appoints Dr Sarah Webb as a acting member of the board until 31 December 2017, commencing the day after notification.

Section 111 of the Act provides that before appointing someone other than a community representative to the board the Minister must consult the board. The Minister has consulted the board on the appointments of Dr Roberts and Dr Webb.

Section 228 of the *Legislation Act 2001* provides that before making an appointment to a statutory position, a Minister must consult with the relevant standing committee of the Legislative Assembly. Section 227 of the *Legislation Act* provides that the consultation requirement in section 228 does not apply to the appointment of a person to, or to act in, a statutory position for not longer than 6 months, unless the

appointment is of the person to, or to act in, the position for a second or subsequent consecutive period. As this is the first appointment of Dr Roberts to act as president of the board and Dr Webb to act as a member of the Board, the Minister is not required to consult with a standing committee.