

Australian Capital Territory

Terrorism (Extraordinary Temporary Powers) Public Interest Monitor Panel Appointment 2017 (No 2)

Disallowable instrument DI2017–264

made under the

Terrorism (Extraordinary Temporary Powers) Act 2006, s 62 (Public Interest Monitor Panel)

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The *Terrorism (Extraordinary Temporary Powers) Act 2006* (the Act), requires the appointment of people to a Public Interest Monitor Panel (PIM Panel). The PIM Panel member functions are detailed under Part 2, Division 2.7 and section 56 of the Act.

Under section 62 of the Act, the Minister is required to appoint people to a PIM Panel. The Minister must not appoint a person unless satisfied that the person:

- a. is a lawyer; and
- b. with qualities and experience making them suitable to be a member ; and
- c. has an appropriate security clearance.

This instrument appoints Mr James Lawton as a member of the PIM Panel commencing on the day after this instrument is notified and ending on 31 October 2022.

Mr Lawton is a lawyer, has qualities and experience making him suitable to be a member, and has an appropriate security clearance.

As a Barrister and Solicitor of the High Court of Australia and Supreme Court of the Australian Capital Territory, Mr Lawton brings to the panel significant experience in both prosecution and defence of criminal matters.

Mr Lawton is not a public servant.