

Australian Capital Territory

# Official Visitor (Disability Services) 2019 Appointment (No 2)

Disallowable instrument DI2019– 231

made under the

Official Visitor Act 2012, s 10(1)(c)

## EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

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S.10(1)(c) of the *Official Visitor Act 2012* (OV Act) authorises the Minister to appoint at least one official visitor for the purposes of the *Disability Services Act 1991*. 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 Mary Durkin for the purposes of the *Disability Services Act 1991*. The Minister for Disability has recommended the appointments of Mary Durkin as persons who are experienced and well-qualified.

As required under s.10(2) of the OV Act, the Appointing Minister has consulted with the Operational Minister (being the Minister for Disability) and is satisfied on reasonable grounds that Mary Durkin has suitable qualifications or experience to exercise the functions of official visitor for the purposes of the *Disability Services Act 1991*.

Mary Durkin 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.

The proposed appointees are not public servants as defined under the *Legislation Act 2001*.