

Australian Capital Territory

Commissioner for Sustainability and the Environment Appointment 2020 (No 2)

Disallowable instrument DI2020–83

made under the

Commissioner for Sustainability and the Environment Act 1993, s 4 (Commissioner for Sustainability and the Environment)

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Introduction

This explanatory statement relates to the *Commissioner for Sustainability and the Environment Appointment 2020 (No 2)* as made by the Minister and presented to the Legislative Assembly. It has been prepared in order to assist the reader of the instrument and to help inform debate on it. It does not form part of the instrument and has not been endorsed by the Assembly.

Overview

Section 4 of the *Commissioner for Sustainability and the Environment Act 1993* (the Act) requires the Minister to appoint a person as the Commissioner for Sustainability and the Environment (the Commissioner). Section 5 of the Act states that the Commissioner must not be appointed for a term longer than 5 years.

The instrument appoints Dr Sophie Lewis for 5 years. Dr Lewis has significant skills, expertise and qualifications in science and in the study of climate change. Dr Lewis was the ACT Scientist of the Year in 2019.

Under the *Legislation Act 2001*, an appointment to a statutory position is a disallowable instrument and requires consultation with the relevant Legislative Standing Committee, in this case the Standing Committee on Environment and Transport and City Services. This consultation has been undertaken.

Outline of provisions

Section 1 - Name of Instrument

This section names the instrument.

Section 2 - Commencement

This section states that the instrument commences on 1 May 2020.

Section 3 – Appoint of Commissioner for Sustainability and the Environment

This section appoints Dr Sophie Lewis at the Commissioner for Sustainability and the Environment.

Section 4 – Remuneration, allowances and entitlements

This section provides the remuneration, allowances and entitlements the Commissioner is entitled to.