

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

HEALTH COMPLAINTS ACT 1993

**APPOINTMENT OF THE COMMUNITY AND HEALTH SERVICES
COMPLAINTS COMMISSIONER**

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

INSTRUMENT NO. 229 OF 1999

The *Health Complaints Act 1993* (the Act) relates to the rights and responsibilities of users and providers of community and health services and provides for the resolution of complaints arising out of the provision of those services.

Sub-section 8(1) of the Act provides for the Executive to appoint, by Instrument, a person to be the Community and Health Services Complaints Commissioner.

Sub-section 8(2) of the Act provides for the specification in the instrument of such terms and conditions of the appointment not provided for in the Act.

Sub-section 8(3) of the Act provides that the instrument of appointment of the Commissioner is a disallowable instrument for the purposes of the *Subordinate Laws Act 1989*.

In appointing the Commissioner, the Executive has determined that the appointment will be for a five year period commencing 19 September 1999.

The Executive has determined that the terms and conditions applying to the appointment will be that which is applicable to an Executive Officer in the ACT Public Service.

The instrument, advising of the re-appointment of Mr Kenneth Patterson as Community and Health Services Complaints Commissioner, replaces Instrument No. 133 of 1994.

Consultation in relation to Mr Patterson's re-appointment has taken place with the Legislative Assembly Standing Committee for Health and Community Care.