

Australian Capital Territory

# Official Visitor (Housing Assistance) Appointment 2020 (No 1)

Disallowable instrument DI2020-260

made under the

*Official Visitor Act 2012*, s10(1)(d)

## EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

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S.10(1)(d) of the *Official Visitor Act 2012* (OV Act) authorises the Minister to appoint at least one official visitor for the purposes of the *Housing Assistance Act 2007*. 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 Simon Rosenberg for the purposes of the *Housing Assistance Act 2007*. The Minister for Housing and Suburban Development has recommended the appointment of Simon Rosenberg as a person who is 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 Housing and Suburban Development) and is satisfied on reasonable grounds that Simon Rosenberg has suitable qualifications or experience to exercise the functions of official visitor for the purposes of the *Housing Assistance Act 2007*.

Simon Rosenberg 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 appointee is not a public servant as defined under the *Legislation Act 2001*.