

Australian Capital Territory

Animal Welfare (Advisory Committee Member) Appointment 2021 (No 1)

Disallowable instrument DI2021–204

made under the

Animal Welfare Act 1992, s 109 (Establishment and Functions) read with *Animal Welfare (Advisory Committee) Establishment 2020 (No 1)*, ss 4, 5

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Part 9 of the *Animal Welfare Act 1992* (the Act) establishes the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee and sets out its functions. Section 109 of the Act provides the functions of the Committee. This instrument is made in conjunction with DI2020-147 the *Animal Welfare (Advisory Committee) Establishment 2020 (No 1)*.

DI2020-147 provides that the Committee consists of 11 members appointed by the Minister and provides the make-up of the Committee.

Under Section 4 (2) of the Committee Establishment instrument provides that members can be appointed to the Committee for a term of not longer than three years.

This instrument appoints the following members for a period of three years. Please note, (a) Dr Wendy Townsend is an ACT Government public servant, whereas the other three members are non-public servants:

- (a) Dr Wendy Townsend as a person employed by the ACT Government who is an ‘Authorised Officer’ under the Animal Welfare Act 1992 (Category 2);
- (b) Dr Melanie Latter as a person nominated by the Australian Veterinary Association (Category 4);
- (c) Dr Suzanne Fowler as a person with experience in teaching and research activities involving animals and as a person nominated by the Australian National University (Category 6); and
- (d) Ms Margaret Peachey as a person nominated by a community based organisation (ACT Wildlife) involved in native wildlife matters (Category 8).

Section 228 of the *Legislation Act 2001* provides that before making an appointment to a statutory position, a Minister must consult with the relevant standing committee of the Legislative Assembly. The Minister consulted with the Standing Committee on

Planning, Transport and City Services who agreed to note the appointments with no further recommendations.