

Australian Capital Territory

# Official Visitor (Disability Services) Appointment 2022 (No 1)

Disallowable instrument DI2022-29

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 Mr Matt Hingston for the purposes of the *Disability Services Act 1991*. This instrument also revokes Ms Tracey Gullo’s appointment for the purposes of the *Disability Services Act 1991* as she resigned from the position.

Tara Cheyne MLA is Minister responsible for the OV Act (as appointing Minister) and Emma Davison MLA is responsible for the *Disability Services Act 1991* (as Operational Minister). S. 10(2) of the OV Act requires the appointing Minister to consult with the Operational Minister. The Operational Minister has agreed to the appointment and is satisfied that Mr Hingston has suitable qualifications and experience to exercise the official visitor functions for the purposes of the *Disability Services Act 1991*.

Mr Hingston is not excluded from appointment as he is not a public employee as defined under the *Legislation Act 2001* and does not hold a relevant interest as defined under s. 10(3) of the OV Act.