

Australian Capital Territory

Veterinary Practice (Board) Appointment 2022 (No 3)

Disallowable instrument DI2022-251

made under the

Veterinary Practice Act 2018, section 93 (Board membership)

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Part 7 of the *Veterinary Practice Act 2018* (the Act) establishes the Veterinary Practitioners Board (Board) and sets out its functions. Section 93 of the Act provides that the Board consists of seven members appointed by the Minister.

Under Section 94 of the Act, members can be appointed to the Board for a term of no longer than 3 years.

Section 93 of the Act provides the members that make up the Board.

Section 93(1)(a) of the Act provides for President. Section 95(1) outlines the President must not be a person who (a) works in a veterinary practice; or (b) has a material interest in a veterinary practice. Dr Deborah Neutze meets these requirements.

Section 93(1)(c) of the Act provides for a member who is not a veterinary practitioner, to represent community interests. Ms Alison Archer meets these requirements.

This instrument re-appoints Dr Neutze as President of the Board and Ms Archer as Community Representative of the board for three years commencing 1 January 2023.

Section 96 of the Act provides that before appointing someone, other than a community representative, to the board the Minister must consult the board. The Minister has consulted the board on the appointment of Dr Neutze.

Neither Dr Neutze or Ms Archer are public servants. Division 19.3.3 of the *Legislation Act 2001* applies to these appointments. Prior to making these appointments, in accordance with section 228 of the *Legislation Act 2001*, the Minister consulted the Legislative Assembly's Standing Committee on Planning, Transport and City Services who did not object to these appointments.