Australian Capital Territory

Emergencies (Multi-Hazard Advisory Council Members) Appointment 2023 (No 1)

**Disallowable instrument DI2023–204**

made under the

Emergencies Act 2004, s 127 (Multi-Hazard Advisory Council members)

**EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**

The ACT Multi-Hazard Advisory Council, established under section 127 of the *Emergencies Act 2004*, has the function of advising the Minister about matters relating to natural hazards.

Under section 129 (1) of the *Emergencies Act 2004* the Minister must appoint members of the ACT Multi-Hazard Advisory Council. Under section 129 (2) the Minister must try to ensure that people with particular skills, interests and experience are among the members appointed. The appointments are made according to these requirements.

The instrument appoints Nicola Smillie, Romeo Gaubert, and Nina Allen, as Members of the ACT Multi-Hazard Advisory Council. The appointments commence on 1 August 2023 and expire on 31 July 2027.

***Nicola Smillie*** has contemporary skills in environmental science and climate risk management. She is a current volunteer with the ACT State Emergency Service. She has demonstrated strong suitability for appointment to the ACT Multi Hazard Advisory Council.

***Romeo Gaubert*** has contemporary skills in emergency services and hazard management across multiple hazards and jurisdictions. He has been, and is, involved in several community groups with a focus on the natural environment and disaster risk management. He has demonstrated strong suitability for appointment to the ACT Multi Hazard Advisory Council.

***Nina Allen*** has skills and knowledge of the rural environment as a rural landholder and has demonstrated suitability for appointment to the ACT Multi-Hazard Advisory Council.

Nicola Smillie, Romeo Gaubert, and Nina Allen are not public servants as defined under the *Legislation Act 2001*.

The Standing Committee on Justice and Community Safety has been consulted on the appointments as required under the provisions of the *Legislation Act 2001*. The Committee advised that it had no concerns with the appointments.