Australian Capital Territory

**Tree Protection (Advisory Panel) Appointment 2023 (No 3)**

**Disallowable instrument DI2023–235**

made under the

Tree Protection Act 2005, section 69 (Members of advisory panel)

**EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**

Section 68 of the *Tree Protection Act 2005* (the Act) establishes the Tree Advisory Panel. Section 69(1) of the Act provides that the advisory panel consists of 3 or more members appointed by the Minister. Under section 69(2) of the Act, members must be appointed to the advisory panel for a term of at least 1 year and not longer than 2 years.

Section 69(3) of the Act provides that the Minister must not appoint a person to the Tree Advisory Panel unless the person has extensive experience in 1 or more of the following fields:

1. arboriculture;
2. forestry;
3. horticulture;
4. landscape architecture;
5. natural and cultural heritage.

This instrument re-appoints Mr Richard Hart as Chair of the Tree Advisory Panel for a period of 2 years.

Mr Hart holds a Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Forestry Science and has extensive experience as an Arborist.

Mr Hart is not a public servant. Division 19.3.3 of the *Legislation Act 2001* applies to this appointment. Prior to making this appointment, 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 the appointment.