

Australian Capital Territory

Emergencies (Multi-Hazard Advisory Council Members) Appointment 2023 (No 2)

Disallowable instrument DI2023–240

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 Matthew Harper as a Member of the ACT Multi-Hazard Advisory Council. The appointment commences on 1 November 2023 and expires on 31 October 2027.

Matthew Harper has a contemporary understanding of Emergency Management and ACT Emergency Services Agency processes. He demonstrated suitability for appointment to the ACT Multi Hazard Advisory Council. Mr Harper has not previously been a member of the ACT Bushfire Council.

Matthew Harper is not a public servant as defined under the *Legislation Act 2001*.

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