

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY
HEALTH PROFESSIONS BOARDS (PROCEDURES) ACT 1981

CHIROPRACTORS AND OSTEOPATHS ACT 1983

APPOINTMENTS

INSTRUMENT No. 92 of 2000

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The position of Chairperson and two appointed Board members became vacant on 8 January 2000 with the termination of a three year term of office for these positions which began on 9 January 1997.

The Chairperson and two other members were appointed on that date in accordance with paragraph 7(1)(a) of the *Chiropractors and Osteopaths Act 1983* (the Act) which requires that the Chairperson and two (2) other members be appointed in accordance with the *Health Professions Board (Procedures) Act 1981*. The Act provides for the registration of chiropractors and osteopaths, the control of the practise and standards of chiropractic and osteopathy, and for related purposes.

On 29 November 1999 a notice seeking expressions of interest/nominations for the four vacancies on the Chiropractors and Osteopaths Board was forwarded by mail to all registered practitioners in the ACT. The notice called for nominations to be sent to the Registrar by the close of business on 15 December 1999. One nomination was received for the Chairpersons position and three applications were received for the two vacant appointed member positions.

After consideration of the applicants, Dr Evan Lallemand has been appointed to the position of Chairperson of the Board and Dr John Gledhill and Dr Donald McDowall to the vacant member positions.

The unsuccessful applicant for appointment to the Board was Dr Stuart Steele. However, given that a vacant position on the Board has existed for the past two terms of elected members, the Board noted the application from Dr Steele and has proposed that he be appointed under section 7(1)(a) of the Act, which allows the Minister to appoint a person to act as a member of the Board during a vacancy in an office of member.

The terms of appointment for the Chairperson and two members will be made from the point of gazettal for a period of three years. The terms of appointment for the acting member will be made from the point of gazettal for a period of 12 months.

Consultation with the Standing Committee on Health and Community Care has taken place in accordance with the *Statutory Appointments Act 1994*.