

Australian Capital Territory

Children and Young People (Therapeutic Support Panel) Appointment 2024 (No 5)

Disallowable instrument DI2024–47

made under the

Children and Young People Act 2008, Section 501E (Appointment of panel members)

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

This explanatory statement relates to the *Children and Young People (Therapeutic Support Panel) Appointment 2024 (No 5)* as made by the Minister for Children, Youth and Family Services.

Overview

The *Children and Young People Act 2008* (the *Act*) among other things, governs the establishment, functions and membership of the Therapeutic Support Panel for Children and Young People (the Panel).

Under section 501E of the *Act*, the Minister must appoint at least 10, but not more than 12, members to the Panel.

In appointing a Member, the Minister must be satisfied of their relevant expertise or experience and must ensure the Panel membership represents a diversity of experience and expertise.

The Minister must also be satisfied of their suitability to be a Member, including considering relevant information of the kind mentioned in the *Act* in section 65 (1), definition of suitability information, paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) about the person.

Appointment

In accordance with section 501E of the *Act*, this instrument appoints Ms Dee-Ann Brown as Member of the Panel.

Ms Dee-Ann Brown, Director of OzChild in the ACT, works with vulnerable children, young people, and their families to promote safety and prevent children and young people entering care, residential homes and detention centres. Ms Brown is the Lead Director of Oz Child's Youth Justice Initiative project group and leads the delivery of a range of services at OzChild including Functional Family Therapy, a family intervention program supporting young people with behavioural problems.

Ms Brown is an advocate of children's rights and wellbeing and her professional experience spans 20 years across Aotearoa New Zealand and Australia. Ms Brown has a Bachelor of Applied Social Work.

The Minister for Children, Youth and Family Services is satisfied that Ms Dee-Ann Brown has relevant expertise and experience as a social worker and is suitable for appointment.

Ms Dee-Ann Brown is appointed for a period of 4 years.

Consultation

Division 19.3.3 of the *Legislation Act 2001* (the *Legislation Act*) applies as Ms Dee-Ann Brown is not a public servant, is appointed for longer than 6 months, and will have functions beyond advising the Minister.

In accordance with section 228 of the *Legislation Act*, the Standing Committee on Health and Community Wellbeing has been consulted and noted the appointment.

Section 229 of the *Legislation Act* states that the instrument making an appointment to which division 19.3.3 applies is a disallowable instrument.