

Australian Capital Territory

# Children and Young People (Therapeutic Support Panel) Appointment 2024 (No 10)

Disallowable instrument DI2024–52

made under the

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

## EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

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This explanatory statement relates to the *Children and Young People (Therapeutic Support Panel) Appointment 2024 (No 10)* 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 Dr Hayley Passmore as Member of the Panel.

Dr Hayley Passmore, Lecturer at the Law School UWA and Honorary Research Associate at the Telethon Kids Institute, is a criminologist and justice health researcher based in Boorloo (Perth). Dr Passmore's research focuses on new ways of supporting young people with neurodisabilities such as Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD). Dr Passmore has worked within prisons and youth detention centres in a variety of frontline and research positions for 12 years. Dr Passmore was

part of the research team responsible for the Banksia Hill study, which looked at the prevalence of FASD and other neurodisabilities among youth in the WA detention centre. Dr Passmore has a PhD in Paediatrics and Child Health, a Bachelor of Criminology, and a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology (Hons).

The Minister for Children, Youth and Family Services is satisfied that Dr Hayley Passmore has relevant expertise and experience in paediatrics, disability and criminology and is suitable for appointment.

Dr Hayley Passmore is appointed for a period of 4 years.

### **Consultation**

Division 19.3.3 of the *Legislation Act 2001* (the ***Legislation Act***) applies as Dr Hayley Passmore 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.