

Australian Capital Territory

Civil Law (Wrongs) Professional Standards Council Appointment 2024 (No 3)

Disallowable instrument DI2024-196

made under the

Civil Law (Wrongs) Act 2002, Schedule 4, s 4.38 (Membership of council)

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Professional Standards Councils are constituted under state and territory professional standards legislation. There are eight Councils – one in each state and territory. The objects of the Professional Standards Councils are to enable the creation of schemes to limit the civil liability of professionals and others, to facilitate the improvement of occupational standards, and to protect consumers of professional services across Australia.

Section 4.36 of Schedule 4 to the *Civil Law (Wrongs) Act 2002* provides for the establishment of the ACT Professional Standards Council (ACT PSC). The ACT PSC consists of eleven people appointed by the Minister who have the experience, skills and qualifications the Minister considers appropriate to enable them to make a contribution to the work of the ACT PSC.

Members of the Councils are appointed by the relevant Ministers in each state and territory. All states and territories have agreed to appoint the same eleven members to their professional standards councils. The Professional Standards Councils are comprised of one member nominated by each of the states and territories and the Commonwealth, with the exception of NSW and Victoria, which will nominate two.

The appointee subject of this instrument is the ACT Member, appointed at the discretion of this jurisdiction, to the Professional Standards Councils. The instrument appoints Ms Catherine Wood as a member of the ACTPSC from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025.

The Minister is satisfied that Ms Wood possesses the experience, skills and qualifications to enable her to make a contribution to the work of the ACTPSC.

Ms Wood is not a public servant as defined under the *Legislation Act 2001*.