Australian Capital Territory

**Urban Forest (Tree Advisory Panel) Appointment 2024 (No 1)**

**Disallowable instrument DI2024–223**

made under the

Urban Forest Act 2023, section 98 (Advisory panel—appointment of members)

**EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**

Section 97 of the *Urban Forest Act 2023* (the Act) establishes the Tree Advisory Panel. Section 99 (1) of the Act provides that the advisory panel consists of at least 3 members appointed by the Minister. Under section 98 (2) of the Act, members must be appointed to the advisory panel for a term of at least 1 year and not longer than 4 years.

Section 99 (2) of the Act provides that the Minister must not appoint a person to the Tree Advisory Panel unless the person has extensive experience in 1 or more of the following fields:

1. arboriculture;
2. forestry;
3. horticulture.

This instrument appoints Ms Maja Blasch as a member of the Tree Advisory Panel for a period of three years.

Ms Blasch holds a Certificate III, Diploma and Graduate Certificate (First Class Honours) in Arboriculture.

Ms Blasch is not a public servant. Division 19.3.3 of the *Legislation Act 2001* applies to this appointment. Prior to making this appointment, in accordance with section 228 of the *Legislation Act 2001,* the Minister consulted the Legislative Assembly’s Standing Committee on Planning, Transport and City Services who did not object to the appointment.