

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:

- (a) arboriculture;
- (b) forestry;
- (c) 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.