

Australian Capital Territory

Explanatory Statement

Public Health (Chief Health Officer) Appointment 2024

Disallowable Instrument DI2024-308

made under the

Public Health Act 1997, section 7 (Chief health officer)

Section 7 of the *Public Health Act 1997* (the Act) provides that the Minister for Health must appoint a person to be chief health officer. The Act also requires that the person appointed must be a public servant and a doctor.

This instrument appoints Dr Kerryn Coleman as the ACT Chief Health Officer. Dr Coleman is a public servant and a doctor, as is required by section 7 (2). Pursuant to section 7 (3) this instrument is a disallowable instrument.

The appointment confers on Dr Coleman the statutory powers under the *Public Health Act 1997* as set out in section 9 of the Act.

The appointment commences on 1 January 2025 and ends on 31 December 2029.

As Dr Coleman is a public servant, section 227 of the *Legislation Act 2001* provides that division 19.3.3 of that Act does not apply to this appointment and consultation with the relevant Standing Committee is not required.