

Australian Capital Territory

# Veterinary Practice (Board) Appointment 2025 (No 1)

**Disallowable instrument DI2025-1**

made under the

**Veterinary Practice Act 2018, section 93 (Board membership)**

## EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

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Part 7 of the *Veterinary Practice Act 2018* (the Act) establishes the Veterinary Practitioners Board (Board) and sets out its functions. Section 93 of the Act provides that the Board consists of seven members appointed by the Minister.

Under Section 94 of the Act, members can be appointed to the Board for a term of no longer than three years.

Section 93 of the Act provides the members that make up the Board.

Section 93(1)(a) of the Act provides for President. Section 95(1) outlines the President must not be a person who (a) works in a veterinary practice; or (b) has a material interest in a veterinary practice. Dr Bruce Smith meets these requirements.

This instrument appoints Dr Smith as President of the Board for a period of three years.

This instrument replaces the President appointed under DI2022-251 whose resignation took effect 1 December 2024.

Section 96 of the Act provides that before appointing someone, other than a community representative, to the board the Minister must consult the board. The Minister has consulted the board on the appointment of Dr Smith and they did not object.

Dr Smith 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.