

Australian Capital Territory

# Civil Law (Wrongs) Professional Standards Council Appointment 2025 (No 1)

Notifiable instrument NI2025–135

made under the

*Civil Law (Wrongs) Act 2002*, Schedule 4, s 4.38 (Membership of Council), s 4.39 (Chairperson and deputy chairperson of council)

## EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

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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.

Victoria has appointed Mr John Vines as a member and chairperson of its Professional Standards Council until 31 December 2027.

The instrument appoints Mr John Vines as a member and chairperson of the ACTPSC until 31 December 2027.

The Minister is satisfied that Mr Vines possesses the experience, skills and qualifications to enable his to make a contribution to the work of the ACTPSC.

Mr Vines is not a public servant as defined under the *Legislation Act 2001*.

Due to the amendments progressed in the *Justice and Community Safety Legislation Amendment Act 2021*, the requirement for consultation with the relevant Standing Committee does not apply to the appointment of a person who is already a member of an appropriate council in another jurisdiction to the roles of member, deputy chairperson or chairperson of the ACTPSC