

Australian Capital Territory

Veterinary Practice (Board) Appointment 2026 (No 1)

Disallowable instrument DI2026-58

made under the

Veterinary Practice Act 2018, s 93 (Board membership)

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Introduction

This explanatory statement relates to the *Veterinary Practice (Board) Appointment 2026 (No 1)* as made by the Minister for City and Government Services and presented to the Legislative Assembly (the *Assembly*). It has been prepared in order to assist the reader of the instrument and to help inform debate on it. It does not form part of the instrument and has not been endorsed by the Assembly.

Overview

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

Section 93 (1) (d) of the Act provides for a member who is not a veterinary practitioner.

Appointment

This instrument appoints Dr Kate Chetty as a member of the Board for a period of 3 years.

Dr Chetty meets the requirement in section 93 (4) of the Act that a non-veterinary practitioner member must live in the ACT or surrounding region.

Consultation

Section 96 (1) 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 Chetty.

Division 19.3.3 of the *Legislation Act 2001* (the *Legislation Act*) applies as Dr Chetty is not a public servant, is appointed for longer than 6 months and will have functions

beyond advising the Minister. In accordance with section 228 of the Legislation Act, the Standing Committee on Transport and City Services has been consulted and noted the appointment. The appointment is a disallowable instrument by operation of section 229 of the Legislation Act.