

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

**Health Professions Boards (Procedures) Act 1981
Chiropractors and Osteopaths Act 1983**

APPOINTMENTS TO THE CHIROPRACTORS AND OSTEOPATHS BOARD
OF THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Instrument No's 2, 3, & 4 of 1997

The *Chiropractors and Osteopaths Act 1983* (the Act) provides for the registration of Chiropractors and Osteopaths

Section 6 of the Act establishes the Chiropractors and Osteopaths Board (the Board) and provides for the constitution of the Board. Paragraph 6(2)(a) requires that the Chairperson and 2 other members be appointed in accordance with the *Health Professions Boards (Procedures) Act 1981*

Subsection 6(5) provides that a person is not eligible for appointment unless currently registered and for a period of 3 years immediately preceding his or her appointment has been registered as a chiropractor or osteopath under the law of a State or Territory.

Vacancies on the Board were notified by a newsletter mailed to all registered chiropractors and osteopaths. Closing date for nominations was the 19th August 1996. The positions of chairperson and the two appointed members on the Board became vacant in December 1996.

In making the appointments consideration was given to legislative requirements, representation from both disciplines of the profession and the continuity of Board business.

Three persons nominated for position on the Board, Dr Lallemand is a registered osteopath and currently is an elected member of the Board. He will resign from his elected position in order to be eligible for appointment to the Board in the capacity of Chairperson.

Dr Gledhill, a registered osteopath in private practice in Deakin ACT, has sought a position on the Board and he will be undertaking his first term of office.

Dr McDowall, a registered chiropractor in private practice in Macquarie ACT, has also sought a position on the Board.

All three applicants are eligible for appointment. Appointments to the Board are for a period of three years commencing from the date of the Instrument of Appointment.

After consideration by Government the appointments were referred to the Social Policy Committee in accordance with the *Statutory Appointments Act 1994*.