

## STATUTORY APPOINTMENTS

The appointment of the Commonwealth Ombudsman and Deputy Ombudsman are made under s 21 of the *Ombudsman Act 1976* (Ombudsman Act). The Minister may designate under s 23 of the Ombudsman Act a Deputy Ombudsman as the Deputy Ombudsman (Defence Force).

The appointments are:

- Mr Michael Manthorpe, Commonwealth Ombudsman, 1 July 2017 to 7 May 2022
- Ms Jaala Hinchcliffe, Deputy Commonwealth Ombudsman, 6 November 2017 to 5 November 2022

The Ombudsman is also the Defence Force Ombudsman (s 19B), the Postal Industry Ombudsman (s 19L), the Overseas Students Ombudsman (s 19ZI), the Private Health Insurance Ombudsman (s 20C), and the VET Student Loans Ombudsman (s 20ZL). The Ombudsman may be designated as the Immigration Ombudsman when dealing with matters relating to immigration (s 4(4)), and the Law Enforcement Ombudsman when investigating complaints about the conduct and practices of the Australian Federal Police (s 4(5)).

Under the *ACT Self-Government (Consequential Provisions) Act 1988* (Cth), the Commonwealth Ombudsman discharges the role of ACT Ombudsman. The work of the ACT Ombudsman is undertaken pursuant to the *Ombudsman Act 1989* (ACT).