

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

Department of Industry, Innovation and Science

Assignment of Duties under section 25 of the Public Service Act 1999

I, MICHAEL SCHWAGER, Director General of IP Australia and 'Agency Head' within the meaning of the Public Service Act 1999 ('Act'), hereby:

- (a) revoke the instrument of 'Assignment of Duties under section 25 of the Act, dated 22 December 2017, whereby Australian Public Service Employee Frances Roden AGS No. Deputy Director General – IP Rights Division, IP Australia was appointed to the role of Commissioner of Patents, Registrar of Trade Marks, Registrar of Designs and Registrar of Plant Breeder's Rights; and
- (b) assign duties, pursuant to section 25 of the Act, to Australia Public Service employee Paula Adamson AGS No4

Classification:

SES Band 2

Position Number:

6341

Position:

Deputy Director General - IP Rights Division

Roles:

Commissioner of Patents;

Registrar of Trade Marks; Registrar of Designs; and

Registrar of Plant Breeder's Rights

Agency:

IP Australia

Location:

Canberra, ACT

and determine the duties of the Australian Public Service employee in this position and role to be, as outlined in the Schedule below.

Effective from:

24 April 2021

DATED this /9 day of April 2021

MICHAEL SCHWAGER

Director General

Schedule

Specific Duties for the position of Deputy Director General – IP Rights Division Position Number

- a. To work with the Director General and other senior executives to provide strategic direction and cohesive leadership to IP Australia;
- b. Exercise all legal responsibility relative to the applicable legislation regarding patents, trademarks, industrial designs and plant breeder's rights systems, and
- c. Lead and manage the IP Rights Division (or however it may be described) in discharging its role of being responsible for the efficient and effective administration of the range of Intellectual Property Rights administered by IP Australia.

Specific Duties for the roles of Commissioner of Patents, Registrar of Trade Marks, Registrar of Designs and Registrar of Plant Breeder's Rights.

Perform statutory functions and exercise the appropriate powers, authority, delegations and discretions under the *Patents Act 1990*, *Trade Marks Act 1995*, *Designs Act 2003* and the *Plant Breeders Rights Act 1994* (as amended from time to time), including any regulations and international arrangements.