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Dear Mr *Shane* President

As you will probably already know by now I tendered my resignation as Chief Justice of Queensland to the Acting Governor earlier today. I have been appointed a Judicial Member of QCAT.

I made the decision to do so after long and anxious thought and broad consultation with family, friends and advisers. Many competing public and private interest considerations were taken account of. In the end however the balance favoured the course I have taken.

The decision was a finely balanced one not made lightly. I hope it will be understood and taken in the light it is intended; and that is to restore the dignity of the judiciary and the public confidence in its ability to administer justice. It is meant to meet the overall best interests of the court and the community it serves.

It has been my privilege and honour to serve this State albeit briefly as its 18th Chief Justice.

The Supreme Court of Queensland needs to have full community confidence and trust. The judges have been used to following a Chief Justice they accepted and respected. The community deserves a unified and harmonious court to be proud of. The profession too is entitled to a relevant, respected and collegiate court. An effective Chief Justice has to have the loyalty and support of the bench.

In moving on I look forward to finding renewed purpose in my new role at QCAT and the opportunity for the Supreme Court to prosper. I hope that the many good people who have consistently encouraged and supported me throughout the ordeal of the last 12 months, and urged me not to give in, will understand and in time forgive me for letting them down.



Chambers of the Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Queensland

To: Mr Shane Doyle QC
President
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I would appreciate it Mr President if you would have the contents of this letter circulated to your members.

All the very best.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'C' followed by a diagonal stroke and a horizontal line.

The Hon TF Carmody
Chief Justice