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MEDIA RELEASE

APPOINTMENT OF COMMONWEALTH DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS

Today I announce the appointment of Ms Sarah McNaughton SC as the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions.

The Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions plays a critical role in the prosecution of Commonwealth offences and I am confident Ms McNaughton's appointment will ensure the Office continues to provide the highest quality prosecution services to the Australian community.

Ms McNaughton has 27 years' experience as a legal practitioner. She has been a respected member of the NSW Bar since 1996 and was appointed Senior Council in 2011.

Ms McNaughton has appeared as both prosecution and defence counsel in a number of complex criminal trials and has specialist expertise in offences related to taxation, corporate crime, drug importation and terrorism. She has held a range of roles in private practice and with the Office of the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions.

Ms McNaughton was appointed following a comprehensive merit selection process. Her appointment is for a period of five years.

Ms McNaughton replaces Mr Bromwich who was recently appointed as a judge of the Federal Court of Australia.

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