



**SENATOR THE HON GEORGE BRANDIS QC  
ATTORNEY-GENERAL**

**MEDIA RELEASE**

**NEW JUDGE FOR LAUNCESTON**

Today I announce that Judge Terence McGuire will be Tasmania's new Federal Circuit Court Judge, based permanently in Launceston. Judge McGuire will take over from Judge Stuart Roberts when he retires on 19 June.

The decision to assign Judge McGuire to Launceston was made by the Chief Judge of the Federal Circuit Court, Judge John Pascoe, on my recommendation, following strong representations by the Tasmanian Liberal team.

As promised in March, Judge McGuire will be in place in the Launceston Registry before the retirement of Judge Roberts. This means that the people of northern Tasmania will continue to be serviced by a Federal Circuit Court judge permanently based in Launceston.

Judge McGuire was born and raised in Devonport, later studying Arts and Law at the University of Tasmania before being admitted to the Bar. During his career as a barrister, Judge McGuire was a well-known and greatly respected member of the legal profession in northern Tasmania.

His appointment to the Launceston Registry marks a homecoming for Judge McGuire, who has recently been sitting in Melbourne.

I congratulate Judge McGuire on his appointment and thank Judge Roberts for his distinguished service to the people of Tasmania.

Mr Dreyfus' erroneous claim that the appointment would not be made because of the caretaker conventions was made in ignorance of the fact that the decision had already been made by the Chief Judge, on my recommendation.

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