



SENATOR THE HON GEORGE BRANDIS QC

ATTORNEY-GENERAL

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MEDIA RELEASE

APPOINTMENT OF SOLICITOR-GENERAL

His Excellency the Governor-General has accepted the advice of the Government to appoint Dr Stephen Donaghue QC as Solicitor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia.

Dr Donaghue is a distinguished constitutional lawyer and has frequently appeared as senior counsel before the High Court of Australia in constitutional and other public law cases. His practice has involved complex and high profile matters across a broad range of legal areas.

In 2001, Dr Donaghue was called to the Victorian Bar and took silk in 2011. He holds a Doctorate of Philosophy from the University of Oxford, and a Bachelor of Laws (First Class Honours) and a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Melbourne.

Dr Donaghue is the Chair of the Public Law Section of the Commercial Bar Association, a member of the Constitutional Law Committee of the Law Council of Australia and a Senior Fellow of the Faculty of Law at the University of Melbourne. He also serves on the Advisory Board for the Centre for Comparative Constitutional Studies at the University of Melbourne.

Dr Donaghue's appointment will begin on 16 January 2017 for a period of five years.

The Government congratulates Dr Donaghue on his appointment.

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