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### **CONTROVERSIAL LAWYER ATTRACTS COMMONWEALTH DAY SUPPORTERS**

A brilliant lawyer who has achieved celebrity status for her ground breaking work in protecting the rights of victims of crime will be the guest speaker at this year's Commonwealth Day lunch at Parliament House, Sydney on Monday, 14 March, 2016.

She is Margaret Cunneen SC, Deputy Crown Prosecutor in NSW  
The 2016 theme throughout the 54 member nations of the Commonwealth is "An inclusive Commonwealth".

The theme refers to the values of tolerance, respect and understanding as well as equity and fairness set out in the Commonwealth Charter.

This theme resonates well with Cunneen who states that inclusivity requires a mature and empathetic approach to those who have fallen victim to the uncompromising neo-Puritanism that has engulfed our western society.

She will challenge the guests and society in general to resist the moral guardians of the 'twitter sphere' and the erosion of individual privacy.

This, Cunneen says, encourages the public shaming of people who represent something the chattering classes deem "temporarily unpopular".

First appointed Crown Prosecutor in 1990 she has held many senior positions and prosecuted many noted cases of murder, paedophilia and gang rape.

At the lunch school students will carry the 54 flags of the Commonwealth and Scots College Pipe band will entertain guests in the forecourt of Parliament House.

For more information go to [www.commday.org.au](http://www.commday.org.au)

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