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APPOINTMENT TO THE FEDERAL COURT OF AUSTRALIA SEES FEDERAL COURT JUDGE FOR TASMANIA

Attorney-General Michaelia Cash, Minister for Senior Australians and Aged Care Services and Minister for Sport, Richard Colbeck, Assistant Minister for Forestry and Fisheries Jonno Duniam and Senators for Tasmania, Eric Abetz, Wendy Askew and Claire Chandler are pleased to announce that Mr Shaun McElwaine SC has been appointed as a judge of the Federal Court of Australia and will commence on 24 January 2022.

Mr McElwaine's appointment will see a Federal Court of Australia judge permanently situated to serve the people of Tasmania. Mr McElwaine has been appointed to the Hobart Registry. He was admitted as a solicitor in the Supreme Court of New South Wales in 1984. Subsequently, in 1987, Mr McElwaine was admitted as a barrister and solicitor in the

Supreme Court of the Australian Capital Territory and as a barrister and solicitor in the Supreme Court of Tasmania

The Australian Government will commit to providing additional funding for a permanent judicial presence in Tasmania in the upcoming Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook (MYEFO). From 2022-23, $4.3 million will be provided to the Federal Court over 4 years to maintain a judge in the Tasmanian registry, with an ongoing cost of $1.1 million per year to maintain the judicial position.

The funding builds on the considerable investment to the federal courts by the Government in recent Budgets and will ensure Tasmanians can continue to be able to resolve a range of legal matters —including employment, commercial, finance and insurance law matters— after the expected retirement of the Hon. Justice Duncan Kerr *Chev LH* in February 2022.

On behalf of the Australian Government, we congratulate Mr McElwaine on his appointment and thank him for his willingness to serve the people of Australia as a judge of the Federal Court of Australia.

MR SHAUN MCELWAINE SC

Mr McElwaine SC graduated from the University of New South Wales with a Bachelor of Laws in 1983. He attained his Graduate Certificate in Legal Practice from the Australian National University in 1984.

Mr McElwaine SC started his career as a Legal Officer at the Office of the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions in 1984 and was later made Principal Legal Officer. He was appointed Senior Counsel in 2013 and is currently the Principal at Shaun McElwaine + Associates.

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