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MEDIA RELEASE

PRESIDENT OF THE AUSTRALIAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

I am pleased to announce that His Excellency the Governor-General has accepted the Government's advice to appoint Emeritus Professor Rosalind Croucher AM as the next President of the Australian Human Rights Commission (AHRC). Professor Croucher will commence her seven year term on 30 July 2017.

Professor Croucher is currently the President of the Australian Law Reform Commission (ALRC). She was first appointed a full-time Commissioner of the ALRC by the Howard Government in 2007 and was made President in 2009. Professor Croucher was reappointed President in 2014 and subsequently in 2015 for a further three year term.

Professor Croucher has had an illustrious career as a lawyer and member of the academy. She has an outstanding reputation for her pragmatic, constructive and analytical approach to law reform. Her strong leadership of the ALRC, and expertise in complex areas of the law, has enhanced its respected public image.

Since becoming President of the ALRC, Professor Croucher has led nine significant law reform inquiries. She led the Freedoms Inquiry – one of the most comprehensive reviews ever undertaken by the ALRC into the consistency of Commonwealth legislation with traditional rights, freedoms and privileges. Professor Croucher has also led a number of other significant law reform inquiries into human rights, including disability, age discrimination and elder abuse and family violence.

Prior to her appointment to the ALRC, Professor Croucher had a distinguished academic career. She was Dean of Law at Macquarie University and held positions in law with the University of New South Wales and the University of Sydney.

Professor Croucher was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia in 2015 for significant service to the law as an academic, to legal reform and education, to professional development and to the arts.

Professor Croucher's leadership and experience will bring strength to the role and make her the right person to implement and oversee the significant reforms to the AHRC arising from the passage of the *Human Rights Legislation Amendment Act 2017*.

The Government looks forward to the cooperative relationship with Professor Croucher that we are sure she will foster as she undertakes this important task.

20 June 2017

Biography

Current office

President, Australian Law Reform Commission

Previous offices

2007–2009 Commissioner, Australian Law Reform Commission

1999–2007 Professor and Dean of Law, Macquarie University

1999 Deputy Chair, Academic Board, University of Sydney

1997–1998 Dean of Law, Sydney University

Degrees

Doctorate of Philosophy, University of New South Wales

Bachelor of Laws, University of Sydney

Bachelor of Arts (Honours), University of Sydney