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NSW LAW REFORM COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS ANNOUNCED

Attorney General Gabrielle Upton has announced two new appointments to the NSW Law Reform Commission.

Supreme Court judge, The Hon Justice Paul Brereton AM, RFD has been appointed Deputy Chairperson, while the CEO of NSW Council of Social Service Tracy Howe has been named as a part-time Commissioner.

“I am excited by the addition of two outstanding individuals to the body responsible for reviewing and shaping our legislative framework,” said Ms Upton.

Justice Brereton was appointed as a Supreme Court judge in 2005 and worked as a barrister from 1987 to 2005.

He has held several positions within the Army Reserve since 1994. Currently a member of the Defence Force Discipline Appeal Tribunal, Justice Brereton was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia (Military Division) in 2010 and was awarded the Reserve Force Decoration in 1995.

Justice Brereton was appointed as a part-time Commissioner of the NSW Law Reform Commission on 1 June 2016 and will take up the position of Chairperson, replacing the Hon Justice Peter Johnson, on 1 July 2016.

“I thank Justice Johnson for his significant contributions to the Law Reform Commission, which have included working on important references on sentencing and encouraging appropriate early guilty pleas,” said Ms Upton.

Tracy Howe has previously worked as the CEO of Domestic Violence NSW and at the DVNSW Domestic Violence Service.

Ms Howe also sits on several government bodies, including the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) Advisory Panel on Reducing Violence against Women and their Children, the NSW Government's Domestic and Family Violence Council and the NSW Government's Premier's Council on Homelessness.