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APPOINTMENTS TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS TRIBUNAL

Today I announce the following 17 appointments to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal:

- Ms Stephanie Brakespeare (part-time member for seven years);
- Mrs Danica Buljan (full-time member for seven years);
- Ms Anna Burke (full-time member for seven years);
- Ms Michelle East (full-time member for seven years);
- Mrs Lana Gallagher (part-time member for seven years);
- Mr Milton Griffin QC (part-time senior member for seven years);
- Dr Colin Huntly (full-time member for seven years);
- Mr Michael Judd (full-time member for seven years);
- Ms Linda Kirk QC (part-time senior member for seven years);
- Mr Russell Matheson (full-time member for seven years);
- Dr Graham Maynard (part-time member for seven years);
- Mr Alan McMurrin (part-time member for seven years);
- Ms Alison Murphy (part-time member for seven years);
- Mr Andrew Nikolic AM CSC (full-time senior member for seven years);
- Mr Christopher Packer (part-time member for seven years);
- Ms Kim Parker (full-time member for seven years); and
- Ms Hannelore Schuster (full-time member for seven years).

All of these appointments will commence on 16 January 2017 except Ms Kirk who will commence on 30 January 2017 and Ms East, and Ms Schuster who will both commence on 6 February 2017.

On behalf of the Government, I congratulate the appointees and look forward to the contribution they will make to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal.

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Biographies

Ms Stephanie Brakespeare

Ms Brakespeare has over 14 years of experience as a full-time and sessional member of the former Social Security Appeals Tribunal and the Administrative Appeals Tribunal. She has previously been the Deputy Chairperson of the Prisoners Review Board in Western Australia.

Ms Brakespeare holds a Bachelor of Arts and a Practitioner's certificate in mediation.

Mrs Danica Buljan

Mrs Buljan is a dispute resolution specialist with the Telecommunications Industry Ombudsman. She has 15 years of experience as a member of the former Migration Review Tribunal and Refugee Review Tribunal. Ms Buljan has previously been the Deputy Registrar of the Refugee Review Tribunal.

Mrs Buljan holds a Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Laws.

Ms Anna Burke

Ms Burke is currently a Director of Tolpuddle Pty Ltd. Previously she was a Member of the House of Representatives. During her time in Federal Parliament, Ms Burke was the Speaker of the House of Representatives. Ms Burke currently sits on a number of boards.

Ms Burke holds a Bachelor of Arts and Master of Commerce.

Ms Michelle East

Ms East is currently an arbitrator for Workcover Western Australia. She has previous experience as a Conference Registrar for the Administrative Appeals Tribunal and 15 years of experience as a lawyer for the Australian Government Solicitor.

Ms East holds a Bachelor of Jurisprudence and a Bachelor of Laws. She was admitted to the Supreme Court of Western Australia and the High Court of Australia in 1992.

Mrs Lana Gallagher

Mrs Gallagher is a Senior Associate with Moray & Agnew Lawyers. She has over 10 years of legal experience with a number of firms in Australia and London.

Mrs Gallagher holds a Bachelor of Arts and a Bachelor of Laws. She was admitted to the Supreme Court of New South Wales and the Supreme Court of Western Australia in 2005.

Mr Milton Griffin QC

Mr Griffin QC is a former Judge of the District Court of Queensland. He has over 30 years of experience as a barrister and as Crown Prosecutor.

Mr Griffin QC holds a Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Laws. He was admitted as a Barrister of the Supreme Court of Queensland in 1975.

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Dr Colin Huntly

Dr Huntly is a Clerk Assistant with the Legislative Council of Western Australia. He was previously the Principal Policy Advisor to the Hon Dr Liz Constable MLA, Minister for Education in Western Australia. Dr Huntly has also held positions with the Legislative Council of Tasmania and the Western Australian Legislative Council.

Dr Huntly holds a Bachelor of Business, Bachelor of Laws and a Doctor of Philosophy in Law.

Mr Michael Judd

Mr Judd is currently a Principal Legal Officer with the Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission. He has 15 years of experience as a lawyer with a number of state and Commonwealth agencies. He also has extensive experience as a police officer.

Mr Judd holds a Bachelor of Laws. He was admitted to the Supreme Court of Western Australia in 1999 and the High Court of Australia in 2012.

Ms Linda Kirk

Ms Kirk is currently the Deputy Director and Sub-Dean for the Migration Law Program at the Australian National University College of Law. She has five years of previous experience as a senior member of the former Migration Review Tribunal and Refugee Review Tribunal. She has previously been a Senator for South Australia.

Ms Kirk holds a Master of Laws and Bachelor of Laws. She was admitted to the Supreme Court of South Australia in 1991 and the High Court of Australia in 1992.

Mr Russell Matheson

Mr Matheson was a Police Sergeant in the New South Wales Police Force for 15 years and a Councillor for the Campbelltown City Council for 20 years, where he spent time as the Mayor. He is a former member of the House of Representatives.

Dr Graham Maynard

Dr Maynard has 10 years of experience as a part-time medical member of the Administrative Appeals Tribunal. He has previously been a Chief Medical Advisor for the Therapeutic Goods Administration. He has also been the Director of Australian Government Health Services and the Director of Medical Services in the Australian Army.

Dr Maynard holds a Master of Occupational Medicine and a Diploma of Industrial Health and Diploma of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene.

Mr Alan McMurrin

Mr McMurrin is currently the Principal of AM Legal Solutions. He is also a part-time member of the New South Wales Civil and Administrative Tribunal. He has over 30 years of experience as a solicitor.

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Mr McMurrin holds a Bachelor of Laws and a Bachelor of Arts. He was admitted to the Supreme Court of New South Wales.

Ms Alison Murphy

Ms Murphy is a current member of the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal. She is also a member of the Nauru Refugee Status Review Tribunal. She has previously held positions with the former Social Security Appeals Tribunal and the former Migration Review Tribunal and Refugee Review Tribunal.

Ms Murphy holds a Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Laws. She was admitted to the Supreme Court of New South Wales in 1996, the Supreme Court of Western Australia in 1997, the Supreme Court of Queensland in 2001 and the Supreme Court of Victoria in 2003.

Mr Andrew Nikolic AM CSC

Mr Nikolic commenced his military career with the Australian Army in 1979. He served as Deputy Commander and Chief of Staff of Australian Forces Middle East in Afghanistan from 2001-2002; and as Australian National Commander, Southern Iraq in 2005. Mr Nikolic held a number of senior public official positions, including as First Assistant Secretary with the Department of Defence from 2006-2013. He is a former member of the House of Representatives.

Mr Nikolic holds a Master of Strategic Studies, Master of Arts and a Master of Management Studies.

Mr Chris Packer

Mr Packer is currently a Review Panel Member for the Papua New Guinea Immigration and Citizenship Service Authority. He has 10 years of experience as a member of the former Migration Review Tribunal and Refugee Review Tribunal. He was also an Independent Reviewer for the Independent Protection Assessment Office.

Mr Packer holds a Bachelor of Laws. He has been admitted to the Supreme Court of South Australia and the High Court of Australia.

Ms Kim Parker

Ms Parker is an Assistant Special Counsel at the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission. She also has over 13 years of experience as a solicitor and principal with a number of law firms.

Ms Parker holds a Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Laws. She was admitted to the Supreme Court of Victoria in 1993 and the Supreme Court of New South Wales in 2001.

Ms Hannelore Schuster

Ms Schuster is currently a Deputy General Counsel in the Freedom of Information and

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Litigation Branch at the Department of Human Services. She has previously held a number of senior public official roles with the Department of Human Services and Centrelink.

Ms Schuster holds a Bachelor of Laws and a Bachelor of Commerce. She was admitted to the Supreme Court of New South Wales in 1991.

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