Gabrielle Upton Attorney General

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NEW CHAIRPERSON FOR LAW REFORM COMMISSION

NSW Attorney General Gabrielle Upton today announced the appointment of Alan Cameron AO as chairperson of the NSW Law Reform Commission (LRC).

Ms Upton said he would hit the ground running, with the NSW LRC to be given a referral for a review of guardianship law.

"Mr Cameron is a legal all-rounder. From working on complex law reform, being a leader in civil law through to helping some of the most vulnerable members of our community solve their legal challenges, Mr Cameron brings a unique and diverse set of skills and perspectives to the role," Ms Upton said.

"Mr Cameron's expertise in conducting reviews is highly sought after in Australia and abroad and I look forward to the guidance he will provide the NSW Government on important legal issues."

In a distinguished career spanning more than 40 years, Mr Cameron has occupied a range of senior roles in both the private and public sectors including Chairman of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission from 1993 to 2000, Commonwealth and Defence Force Ombudsman, Principal Solicitor of the NSW Aboriginal Legal Service in the mid-1970s and a consultant to the Australian Law Reform Commission on its reference into criminal investigations in 1975.

Mr Cameron also has extensive experience working for law firms and served as the first national managing partner of Blake Dawson Waldron (now known as Ashurst Australia) from 1989 to 1991. Over the last 15 years, he has played a pivotal role in reviews of financial and market regulation in Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan and the United Kingdom. He has also reviewed guidelines on police pursuits for the ACT Government and aspects of federal insurance and income tax assessment laws.

Mr Cameron begins his three-year term as NSW LRC Chairperson today.

"It will be a great privilege to lead such an important independent legal body and I look forward to advising the NSW Government on areas of the law in need of reform," Mr Cameron said.

The NSW LRC is an independent body that provides expert law reform advice to the NSW Government on matters referred to it by the Attorney General.

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