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**REAPPOINTMENT OF COMMONWEALTH DIRECTOR OF  
PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS**

Attorney-General Michaelia Cash today announced the reappointment of Ms Sarah McNaughton SC as Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions for a period of two years.

The Attorney-General said the retention of Ms McNaughton's expertise will ensure the Office of the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions continues to provide an independent prosecution service to the highest possible standard.

"Since her appointment in 2016, Ms McNaughton has provided skilful leadership of the Office of the CDPP and demonstrated strategic vision during a period of significant change in the prosecution environment," the Attorney-General said.

"On behalf of the Australian Government, I congratulate Ms McNaughton on her reappointment and thank her for her continued work in this important role."

**Biography**

Ms McNaughton has more than 30 years' experience as a legal practitioner. She was admitted as a solicitor in 1989, joined the New South Wales Bar in 1996 and was appointed Senior Counsel in 2011.

Prior to her appointment as Director in 2016, Ms McNaughton appeared extensively in significant trial and appeal matters in federal and NSW courts on behalf of the CDPP and the Commonwealth Attorney-General.

She was appointed as Senior Counsel Assisting the Royal Commission into Trade Union Governance and Corruption and appeared for NSW in the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Assault.

More information about the work of the Office of the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions is available on the [CDPP website](https://www.cdpp.gov.au).

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