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## Law Council of Australia welcomes appointment of Human Rights Commissioner

The Law Council of Australia welcomes the appointment of Lorraine Finlay as Australia's new Human Rights Commissioner.

"The work of the Australian Human Rights Commission is vital to making our nation fairer, safer and more equal for all," Law Council of Australia President, Dr Jacoba Brasch QC said.

"We are very pleased the foundational role of the Human Rights Commissioner has been filled by the Australian Government and look forward to working with Ms Finlay following the commencement of her term in November.

"Ms Finlay's experience and insight will be invaluable to the Commission as it continues to strive to uphold the human rights of all Australians."

Ms Finlay is currently a Senior Human Trafficking Specialist with the Australian Mission to ASEAN, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and a lecturer at Murdoch University and the University of Notre Dame.

Her career has included teaching within the International Human Rights Law Program in Geneva.

"As we welcome Ms Finlay, I would also like to take this opportunity to thank her predecessor, Edward Santow, for the outstanding contribution he made during his five-year tenure as Human Rights Commissioner."

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