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FIVE NEW MAGISTRATES FOR LOCAL COURT OF NSW

Attorney General Mark Speakman today announced the appointments of barrister Miranda Moody and solicitors Greg Elks, Ian Rodgers, Fiona McCarron and Stephen Olischlager as Local Court magistrates.

“The five new magistrates have combined legal experience of 114 years, with much of it gained in the Local Court,” Mr Speakman said.

The five new magistrates will fill vacant positions. The NSW Government has announced an additional two magistrates’ positions will be created next year as part of a \$4.1 million package to deal with an increase in criminal matters after the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse.

“The Local Court deals with more cases than any other court in Australia and increasing its ranks on the bench will help ensure it continues to lead the nation in the delivery of timely justice,” Mr Speakman said.

First to join the bench will be Ms Moody and Mr Elks, who will be sworn in on 21 January 2019. Legal Aid NSW solicitors Mr Rodgers and Ms McCarron will begin serving as magistrates in late February. Mr Olischlager will be sworn in as a magistrate on 25 March 2019.

Biographical details of the new magistrates are available separately.

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