

**AUSTRALIAN DISPUTE RESOLUTION ADVISORY COUNCIL**

**RUTH MCCOLL AO SC ELECTED CHAIR OF THE AUSTRALIAN DISPUTE RESOLUTION ADVISORY  
COUNCIL**

**MEDIA RELEASE**

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The Council of the Australian Dispute Resolution Advisory Council (ADRAC) is delighted to announce that Ruth McColl AO SC has been elected the new Chair of ADRAC on and from 18 April 2019.

ADRAC is an independent, non-aligned national council with dispute resolution expertise acting in the public interest on issues of alternative dispute resolution, as a thought leader, policy developer and as an ADR voice to governments. (see [www.ADRAC.org.au](http://www.ADRAC.org.au)).

Ms McColl recently retired as a judge of the NSW Court of Appeal, a position she occupied for almost 16 years. Since her retirement, she has also been appointed a Patron of Justice Connect.

While she was a judge, Ms McColl was the President of the Judicial Conference of Australia for two years.

While a barrister, among other roles, Ms McColl was President of the NSW Bar Association for two years, the first woman to serve in that role, President of the Australian Bar Association and President of NSW Women Lawyers. She was also President of the Public Interest Law Clearing House, the NSW forerunner of Justice Connect for three years.

Ms McColl has had a long-term interest in alternative dispute resolution. While at the Bar, she served as Chair of the NSW Bar Association's Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee for 4 years. She also undertook mediation training, and both conducted mediations and participated in them representing clients. Ms McColl is also concerned with indigenous justice issues, a concern shared

by the Council of ADRAAC, and intends to seek to pursue those issues as part of ADRAAC's dispute resolution advisory work.

Ms McColl takes over as Chair from Jeremy Gormly SC who said that he was delighted that she had accepted the position. The Council of ADRAAC passed a resolution thanking Mr Gormly for his seven years of outstanding work as ADRAAC's Chair.

ADRAAC offers its full support to Ruth McColl and looks forward to continuing its work in alternative dispute resolution under her leadership.

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