



## APPOINTMENT OF JUSTICE SARAH HUGGETT AS CHIEF JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT

The Attorney General has today announced the appointment of the Hon. Justice Sarah Huggett, currently a judge of the Supreme Court of New South Wales, as Chief Judge of the District Court and President of the Dust Diseases Tribunal of New South Wales.

Justice Huggett is a highly respected judge who served on the District Court for more than 11 years before her well-deserved elevation to the Supreme Court in 2023.

On behalf of the judges of the Supreme Court of New South Wales, I offer my congratulations and best wishes to Justice Huggett on her appointment as Chief Judge to replace the Hon. Justice Derek Price AO.

The office of Chief Judge of the District Court of New South Wales is a most important one in the administration of justice in this State. The District Court is the largest trial court in the country, and its judges do difficult but vitally important work throughout the State.

Justice Huggett, as Chief Judge, will bring strong leadership to the Court, drawing on her deep experience, integrity, strength of character, outstanding work ethic, sense of justice and commitment to public service. I greatly look forward to working with her Honour, including on the Judicial Commission of New South Wales.

I will swear Justice Huggett in as Chief Judge of the District Court and as President of the Dust Diseases Tribunal in my chambers on the morning of Monday 29 April 2024 when her commissions take effect. Her Honour will be formally welcomed in a ceremonial sitting of the District Court of New South Wales, to be held in the Banco Court, Queen's Square, at 9.00am on Tuesday 30 April 2024.

**Andrew Bell**  
Chief Justice of New South Wales

10 April 2024