



**ATTORNEY-GENERAL  
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**THREE NEW JUDGES APPOINTED TO THE FEDERAL COURT**

Attorney-General Robert McClelland today announced three new appointments to the Sydney registry of the Federal Court of Australia.

“It is with great pleasure that I announce the appointment of the Hon Justice Jayne Jagot, Mr Lindsay Foster SC and Mr Nye Perram SC as judges of the Federal Court,” Mr McClelland said.

“I look forward to each of them making a positive contribution to the law in their new capacity.”

The appointees followed a new, more transparent judicial appointment process put in place by the Rudd Government, including:

- Public advertisements being placed in the national media seeking expressions of interest and nominations
- Extensive consultation with individuals and professional bodies
- The establishment of a panel to assess all candidates against published criteria, and
- Recommendations being made to the Attorney-General on a number of highly suitable candidates.

The panel comprised former High Court Chief Justice Sir Gerard Brennan AC, KBE, Federal Court Chief Justice Michael Black AC or a senior judge nominated by him, Acting NSW Supreme Court Justice Jane Mathews and a senior officer of the Attorney-General’s Department.

Mr McClelland said, “The more transparent process can give the public confidence that the appointments were made on merit.”

“I am also pleased that this process has resulted in appointments reflecting expertise, diversity and experience.”

“I would like to thank all of those who participated in the process. I am impressed that more than 100 nominations and expressions of interest were received for the positions.”

All three appointees are respected as extremely talented lawyers, with experience across many areas of law and will bring new diversity to the Federal Court.

Short biographies of Justice Jagot, Mr Foster and Mr Perram are attached.

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## **Biographies of appointees to the Federal Court of Australia**

### **The Hon Justice Jayne Jagot**

Justice Jagot holds a Bachelor of Arts from Macquarie University and a Bachelor of Laws from the University of Sydney and was admitted to practice by the Supreme Court of New South Wales in 1991. Her Honour is a judge of the Land and Environment Court of New South Wales and recently served as an acting judge of the Equity Division, Supreme Court of New South Wales. Justice Jagot has specialised in the areas of administrative law, planning and environmental law, statutory interpretation, functions, liabilities and commercial dealings of public authorities and compulsory acquisition and valuation law.

Justice Jagot's appointment commences in September 2008.

### **Mr Lindsay Foster SC**

Mr Foster holds a Bachelor of Arts, a Bachelor of Laws and a Master of Laws from the University of Sydney and was admitted to practice by the Supreme Court of New South Wales in 1976. He has practised as a Barrister in Sydney since 1981. Mr Foster was appointed Senior Counsel in 1994. He has specialised in the areas of trade practices law, equity, commercial law, corporations law and industrial law. Mr Foster has also worked in the areas of intellectual property, taxation, construction law and environmental law.

Mr Foster's appointment commences in September 2008.

### **Mr Nye Perram SC**

Mr Perram holds a Bachelor of Arts and a Bachelor of Laws from the University of Sydney and a Bachelor of Civil Laws from the University of Oxford. He was admitted to practice by the Supreme Court of New South Wales in 1992 and was admitted as a Barrister in 1993. Mr Perram was appointed Senior Counsel in 2006. He has specialised principally in the areas of constitutional law, administrative law, commercial law and equity. Mr Perram has also practised in the areas of corporate regulation, trade practices, telecommunications and industrial law.

Mr Perram's appointment commences in August 2008.