



**ATTORNEY-GENERAL
HON ROBERT McCLELLAND MP**

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**APPOINTMENT OF PRESIDENT OF THE
AUSTRALIAN LAW REFORM COMMISSION**

Attorney-General, Robert McClelland, today announced the appointment of Professor Rosalind Croucher as the President of the Australian Law Reform Commission.

“I congratulate Professor Croucher on her appointment and look forward to her leading Australia's foremost law reform institution” Mr McClelland said.

Professor Croucher has been a member of the Australian Law Reform Commission since 2007 and has had a distinguished career in University teaching and management over 25 years, most recently as Dean of Law at Macquarie University since 1999.

“I would also like to acknowledge the exemplary work and leadership of the outgoing President of the Commission, Emeritus Professor David Weisbrot AM, over more than 10 years.”

“As the Government works to improve access to justice and identify innovative solutions to emerging issues, I am confident that the Australian Law Reform Commission, under the leadership of Professor Croucher, will continue to make a significant contribution in efforts to simplify and modernise the law.”

A short biography of Professor Croucher is attached.

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Professor Rosalind Croucher

Professor Rosalind Croucher was appointed to the Australian Law Reform Commission in 2007, joining the Commission after a distinguished period of 25 years in University teaching and management, most recently as Dean of Law at Macquarie University (from 1999).

Prior to this, she was a member of the Law Faculties of the University of Sydney and the University of New South Wales.

Professor Croucher has lectured and published extensively, principally in the fields of equity, trusts, property, inheritance and legal history.

Professor Croucher obtained a BA (Hons) in History, an LLB from the University of Sydney and her PhD from the University of New South Wales in the field of legal history.

She was admitted as a legal practitioner in New South Wales in 1981.

Amongst other awards, Professor Croucher was appointed an Honorary Fellow of the Australian College of Legal Medicine in 2004 and a Foundation Fellow of the Australian Academy of Law in 2007.