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NORFOLK ISLAND CHIEF JUSTICE AND JUDGE APPOINTED

The Rudd Government today appointed the Honourable Justice Peter Jacobson as Chief Justice and the Honourable Justice Bruce Lander as a Judge of the Supreme Court of Norfolk Island.

“I know that Justice Jacobson and Justice Lander will make valuable contributions to the law and to the Norfolk Island community in their new roles,” Mr McClelland said.

Justice Jacobson has been a judge of the Supreme Court of Norfolk Island since 2007 and will be elevated to the office of Chief Justice.

Both judges will continue to undertake their roles on the Supreme Court of Norfolk Island on a part-time basis while continuing to hold office as judges of the Federal Court of Australia.

Short biographies of Justice Jacobson and Justice Lander are attached.

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Justice Peter Jacobson

Justice Jacobson has been a judge of the Federal Court since 2002. He has also been a judge of the Supreme Court of Norfolk Island since 2007 and Deputy President of the Australian Competition Tribunal since August 2008. Prior to his appointment to the Federal Court, he was in practice as a barrister, practising extensively in the fields of corporations, commercial law, equity and trade practices. He was appointed as a Queen's Counsel in 1992.

Justice Bruce Lander

Justice Lander has been a judge of the Federal Court since 2003. He has also been an additional Judge of the Supreme Court of the Australian Capital Territory since 2004, a Presidential Member of the Administrative Appeals Tribunal since 2005, and an auxiliary Judge of the Supreme Court of South Australia since 2008. He was a Judge of the Supreme Court of South Australia from 1994 to 2003. Prior to taking up judicial office, he practised as a solicitor and later as a barrister, and was appointed one of Her Majesty's Counsel in 1986.