ATTORNEY-GENERAL

THREE APPOINTMENTS TO COURT OF SUMMARY JURISDICTION

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Attorney-General John Elferink today announced three new appointments to the Northern Territory Court of Summary Jurisdiction.

The Appointees are:

- Dr John Lowndes, who will be appointed to Chief Magistrate
- Mr Michael Carey, who will be appointed to Deputy Chief Magistrate
- Mr Peter Maley, who will be appointed to Magistrate

“The appointees come from a diverse background and bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to the positions,” Mr Elferink said.

“It gives me great confidence that Justice in the Northern Territory will be upheld to the highest standards.

“There is much work to be done in the Northern Territory justice system and I trust the appointees will provide the leadership and guidance required.

“I look forward to working with the appointees to deliver the Country Liberals Government’s ‘Pillars of Justice’ reforms in the Northern Territory.

“I congratulate the three individuals on their appointments.”

Short professional biographies for the appointees follow.

Dr John Lowndes

Dr Lowndes is the Northern Territory’s longest serving Magistrate and was appointed in 1990. He remained in this position for 13 years before being appointed Deputy Chief Magistrate in 2013.

Since 1990, Dr Lowndes has performed several administrative roles including Chairman of the Agents and Licensing Board, Coroner for the Northern Territory, President of the Lands Planning and Mining Tribunal, and President of the Mental Health Review Tribunal.

Dr Lowndes has also served as President of Australian Magistrates, First Council Member for the Pacific Region of the Commonwealth Magistrates and Judges Association and Vice President of the Commonwealth Magistrates and Judges Association.
Mr Michael Carey

Mr Carey has practiced law for 36 years, in both Queensland and the Northern Territory, and was appointed as a Stipendiary Magistrate of the Northern Territory in 2005.

Prior to this, Mr Carey was a senior practitioner in Queensland before becoming General Counsel to the Northern Territory Office of the Director of Public Prosecution.

Mr Carey has considerable experience in managing legal practices and extensive knowledge of regional justice having served as a Magistrate in almost every bush court in the Northern Territory.

Mr Peter Maley

Mr Maley has over 19 years of experience as a legal practitioner, working across a broad range of legal disciplines.

Mr Maley was admitted as a Barrister and Solicitor of the Supreme Court of the Northern Territory in 1993 and has run a successful private legal practice in Darwin for many years.

Mr Maley has a strong understanding of the Northern Territory legal system having conducted criminal and civil matters before the Darwin Court of Summary Jurisdiction, the Local Court, and the Supreme Court of the Northern Territory.

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