Chief Minister, Clare Martin, today welcomed the appointment of Mr Kerry Heisner to the position of Northern Territory Electoral Commissioner.

Ms Martin said that Mr Heisner had been unanimously recommended by a selection panel made up of three senior public servants - the Commissioner for Public Employment; Deputy CEO, Chief Minister's Dept and CEO, Department of Corporate and Information Services.

The position was advertised nationally at the time of the establishment of the Independent Electoral Commission in March 2004.

“Mr Heisner has a extensive and varied background in electoral administration, within Australia and overseas, spanning more than 30-years” she said

“From 1990 - 1999 he worked as the Australian Electoral Officer for the Northern Territory where he was responsible for the commission's corporate and electoral management.

“Prior to that he was a Divisional Returning Officer with the Australian Electoral Commission and more recently he has held numerous overseas positions in the same field including with the United Nations in Kosovo and East Timor.

“One of these UN positions was as Chief of Operations, Independent Electoral Commission in East Timor from February to September 2001.

“In this position he was responsible for the overall planning and execution of the electoral operation for the Constituent Assembly election throughout East Timor.”

Mr Heisner commences work on 3 August.