The Northern Territory has three new Queen’s Counsel following their swearing-in by the Administrator.

They are: Mr Peter Barr, Ms Suzan Cox, and Ms Raelene Webb.

The successful candidates were required to apply to the Chief Justice, who made his recommendations to the Attorney-General.

The nominees were approved by Cabinet before being sworn-in by the Administrator.

Attorney-General Dr Peter Toyne congratulated the three new Queen’s Counsel for reaching a major milestone in their legal careers.

“It’s one of the highest honours in the legal profession to be appointed a Queen’s Counsel and they should be extremely proud.

“Taking silk carries both respect and responsibility and I’m sure these new appointees will live up to the high stands expected from our QCs.

“They are experienced advocates with a collective experience ranging from administrative law and native title to criminal and family law.

“It is a pleasure to recognise their contributions thus far to the Northern Territory and their ongoing work here.

“They will play an integral role in the facilitation of justice in the Northern Territory and I wish them well,” Dr Toyne said.

Brief History of New QCs

**Peter Martin Barr** was admitted as a solicitor in NSW in 1976. He moved to the NT in 1976 to work for the law firm now known as Cridlands. He has worked been a member, deputy chair and acting-chair of the then-NT Planning Authority. He has also been a RAN specialist reserve legal officer since 1977. In January 1983 he joined the NT Bar. He specialises in commercial and general litigation including personal injury, workers compensation and professional negligence. He is a member of the William Forster Chambers.

**Suzan Jane Cox** is a nationally lauded senior criminal lawyer. She was admitted to practice as a barrister and solicitor in the NT in 1978. A past president of the NT Criminal Lawyers Association, she has played a significant role in developing criminal law in the NT. In 1991 she joined the NT Legal Aid Commission as a senior solicitor. She was appointed head of the commission in 2002. She has a Master of Laws from New York University and is recognised as a highly experienced and respected
advocate.

**Raelene Joyce Webb** was first admitted to practise as a barrister and solicitor in the NT in 1992 and was later called to the NT Bar. She was an associate to former Territory Justice William Kearney. In 1994 she was appointed Crown Counsel. She moved to the independent bar in 1999. A member of the NT Bar Council and the NT Council of Law Reporting, she is also the Territory’s representative on the Australian Bar Association Gazette Editorial Committee. Her main practice areas include appellate advocacy, Aboriginal land rights and native title, administrative law and international law. She is a member of the William Forster Chambers.