ATTORNEY-GENERAL
ROBERT McCLELLAND MP

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APPOINTMENTS TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW COUNCIL

Attorney General, Robert McClelland, today announced the appointment of Mr Roger Wilkins AO and the reappointment of Professor Robin Creyke, Mr Andrew Metcalfe and Dr Melissa Perry QC to the Administrative Review Council.

The Administrative Review Council plays an important role in monitoring and advising the Government on Commonwealth administrative law.

“All four appointees have extensive experience in public administration and administrative law,” Mr McClelland said.

Through its reports and best-practice guidelines, the Administrative Review Council provides practical assistance in relation to Government decision making.

Short biographies of the appointees are attached.

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Biographies

Mr Roger Wilkins AO

Mr Wilkins has been the Secretary of the Attorney-General’s Department since 2008. Prior to this appointment, he was Head of Government and Public Sector Group Australia and New Zealand with Citi. From 1992 to 2006 Mr Wilkins was the Director-General of the New South Wales Cabinet Office. He was appointed an Officer of the Order of Australia in 2007.

Professor Robin Creyke

Professor Creyke has been a member of the Council since 1999. She currently holds the Alumni Chair of Administrative Law at the Australian National University College of Law and has published extensively on various aspects of administrative law. She was recently appointed as a full-time Senior Member of the Administrative Appeals Tribunal based in Canberra.

Mr Andrew Metcalfe

Mr Metcalfe was first appointed as a member of the Council in 2003. He has been the Secretary of
the Department of Immigration and Citizenship since 2005. Between 2002 and 2005 Mr Metcalfe was the Deputy Secretary of the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet where he was responsible for coordination of policy advice to the Prime Minister on national security, foreign affairs and machinery of government issues.

Dr Melissa Perry QC

Dr Perry was first appointed as a member of the Council in 2006. She has practiced at the Bar since 1992 and was appointed Queens Counsel in 2004. She has extensive experience in the High Court and Federal Court in administrative and constitutional litigation. Her doctorate was in public international law (boundary disputes) and she was awarded the Yorke Prize by Cambridge University.