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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **ANNABELLE BENNETT LEADS NEW APPOINTMENTS ON THE ANTI-DISCRIMINATION BOARD**

NSW Attorney General Mark Speakman today announced the Honourable Dr Annabelle Bennett AO SC, a retired judge of the Federal Court of Australia, has been appointed as the new part-time President of the Anti-Discrimination Board.

Mr Speakman said Dr Bennett brings a wealth of experience to the role, serving on the judiciary for 13 years until 2016, as well as working as a Senior Counsel specialising in administrative law, intellectual property and professional misconduct. She is also Chancellor of Bond University.

“Dr Bennett has a long and distinguished legal career and extensive involvement in community organisations from medical research and universities to women’s leadership and sport,” Mr Speakman said.

Dr Bennett said, “I look forward to this exciting opportunity to reinvigorate the Anti-Discrimination Board and to work towards eliminating discrimination in NSW.”

Dr Bennett will be joined by three new members on the Anti-Discrimination Board:

- Melissa Monteiro, CEO of the Community Migrant Resource Centre;
- Patricia Azarias, former Deputy Chair of the NSW Community Relations Commission; and
- Trevor Robertson, Managing Director of Capital Knowledge.

Mr Speakman said, “Melissa, Patricia and Trevor have a strong understanding of multicultural and equal opportunity issues both in the community and the workplace and will bring a vast array of experience to the Board.”

Melissa is a qualified social worker who has been working with multicultural or migrant communities since 2000. Patricia is a Senior Public Finance Adviser to the United Nations in Papua New Guinea. Trevor is a former First Assistant Secretary of the Federal Attorney General’s Department.

The Anti-Discrimination Board was established in 1977 to help promote anti-discrimination and equal opportunity policies and principles across NSW.