



# Hon Greg Smith SC MP

Attorney General  
Minister for Justice

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### NEW COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIVE SERVICES

The NSW Attorney General and Minister for Justice, Greg Smith SC, today announced the appointment of Peter Severin as the new Commissioner of Corrective Services NSW.

“I am delighted that Mr Severin has agreed to become the new Commissioner in NSW, after having served South Australia and Queensland with distinction,” Mr Smith said.

Mr Severin is currently the Chief Executive of the South Australian Department for Correctional Services and was previously the Deputy Director General of the Queensland Department of Corrective Services.

As the Chief Executive of the South Australian Department for Correctional Services, Mr Severin has achieved the lowest return to prison rate of any Australian jurisdiction for the last four years.

“Mr Severin’s record of success demonstrates that he is the ideal person to address the high rate of reoffending in NSW,” Mr Smith said.

Mr Severin said he was excited about his new role and determined to set high standards for Corrective Services NSW.

“I intend to use the skills and experience I have acquired in other jurisdictions to advise the Minister regarding best practice policies,” Mr Severin said.

The Minister for Justice thanked the previous Commissioner, Ron Woodham, who has retired after 43 years of service to NSW.