



# **Brad Hazzard MP**

## **Attorney General**

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### **MEDIA STATEMENT**

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Friday 11 July 2014

### **STATEMENT BY THE NSW ATTORNEY GENERAL REGARDING JUDGE GARRY NEILSON**

As Attorney General I want the NSW community to have confidence in the NSW legal system.

Confidence in the judiciary is a critical part of ensuring broader community support for the legal system.

The majority of the judiciary in this State do extremely good work day in and day out for the community.

With that context I was extremely concerned to read the comments of His Honour Judge Garry Neilson in regard to his views on incest.

In my view the community would be rightly appalled at his reported comments.

Incest is completely reprehensible, unacceptable, disgusting and criminal.

Accordingly I have taken advice as to the appropriate course and have today determined that I will, on behalf of the NSW Government, and on behalf of the NSW community refer His Honour to the Judicial Commission of NSW.

I will also be writing to The Chief Judge of the District Court to request that His Honour remove Judge Neilson from undertaking any criminal trials whatsoever until the Judicial Commission has dealt with the necessary processes it must undertake.

I will be making no further comment and will allow the Judicial Commission to take its appropriate course.