

MEDIA RELEASE

APPOINTMENT OF NEW CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE HIGH COURT OF AUSTRALIA

The Association warmly welcomes the announcement of the appointment of Justice French as Chief Justice of the High Court of Australia. Justice French has had an outstanding career to date as a justice of the Federal Court. He is a modern and practical judge of the highest intellect. His judgments are of the highest quality and accorded great respect. He has long been held in the highest regard by counsel who appear before him. Unquestionably, he is ideally qualified for the appointment as an experienced constitutional lawyer who has both broad interests and experience in the law.

The Association also commends the Government on undertaking a broad and transparent consultative process prior to making this important appointment on merit.”

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