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NEW JUDGE FOR LAND AND ENVIRONMENT COURT

Attorney General Gabrielle Upton today announced the appointment of Senior Commissioner and Acting Justice Timothy Moore as a Judge of the Land and Environment Court of NSW.

Ms Upton said he will replace Justice Peter Biscoe who will retire from the bench on 3 January 2016 after 10 years on the bench.

"Acting Justice Moore has performed his judicial duties with diligence and professionalism continuing the high standard he set as Senior Commissioner of the court," Ms Upton said.

"I congratulate him on his official appointment and look forward to his ongoing contributions to the Court."

Before being appointed to the Court, Acting Justice Moore practised extensively as a barrister in the areas of environment, planning, commercial and corporations law and in building disputes.

He also served as NSW Minister for the Environment from 1988 until 1992, and was Assistant Secretary for the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet from 1993 to 1996. During that period he was also Secretary for the Council of Aboriginal Reconciliation.

Acting Justice Moore has been sitting on the bench of the Land and Environment Court as a Commissioner since 2002 and was promoted to Senior Commissioner in 2009. Since June this year, he has served as an acting Judge presiding over three criminal proceedings and six civil matters.

He will replace Justice Biscoe when he retires. Justice Biscoe is among the most experienced and respected Judges of the Land and Environment Court of NSW.

"I thank Justice Biscoe for his service to the Land and Environment Court and wish him well in this next chapter of his life," Ms Upton said.

Acting Justice Moore will begin his appointment as a permanent Judge of the Land and Environment Court on 4 January next year.

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