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**Hon. John Hatzistergos MLC
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NEW COMMISSIONER FOR LAND AND ENVIRONMENT COURT

NSW Attorney General John Hatzistergos today announced the appointment of Susan Dixon as a Commissioner of the Land and Environment Court.

Ms Dixon is currently a Senior Member of the Consumer, Trader and Tenancy Tribunal. Between 2004 and 2008, she was the Registrar of the Land and Environment Court. She has had 23 years experience as a solicitor in both private and public sector practice.

“During this period of legal practice, Ms Dixon worked extensively in the areas of planning, environmental, local government and resource law. In 2003, until her appointment as Registrar of the Court, she was a senior lawyer at the Department of Mineral Resources,” Mr Hatzistergos said.

Mr Hatzistergos said that Ms Dixon was also qualified and had relevant experience to sit as a Commissioner for Mining in the Land and Environment Court's mining jurisdiction.

From April 7, 2009, the court assumed the civil litigation jurisdictions of the Mining Warden's Court.

Ms Dixon is a trained mediator and will enhance the capabilities of Alternative Dispute Resolution services offered by the Court, Mr Hatzistergos said.

Ms Dixon will take up her seven-year appointment on July 6.

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