



*The Chief Judge
District Court of NSW*

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I am delighted with the announcement by the Attorney General, the Honourable Mark Speakman SC for the appointment of seven extra District Court Judges. Major challenges for the Court include the increasing number of lengthy criminal trials, the rising number of requests for special fixtures in regional areas of NSW and the number of sexual assault trials that will continue to come before the Court as a result of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse.

Since the beginning of this year, I have worked closely with the Attorney General to obtain additional resources to meet these challenges and I thank the Attorney for the efforts that he has made on the Court's behalf.

The package announced today will enable the Court to provide additional sittings, particularly in regional NSW. I anticipate that in the first half of 2019, 60 additional sittings weeks in the Court's criminal jurisdiction will be allocated to regional courts.

It will also ease the burden on existing Judges whose welfare and well-being has always been my priority as Chief Judge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D Price', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Justice D Price AM
Chief Judge