



**Hon. Robert McClelland MP**  
Attorney-General

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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **RETIREMENT OF JUSTICE DOWNES AND APPOINTMENT OF A NEW PRESIDENT OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS TRIBUNAL**

Attorney-General Robert McClelland today paid tribute to retiring President of the Administrative Appeals Tribunal, the Hon Justice Garry Downes AM.

“Justice Downes has advised me of his intention to retire as a Judge of the Federal Court and President of the Administrative Appeals Tribunal in May 2012,” said Mr McClelland

“I take this opportunity to thank Justice Downes for his almost 10 years of excellent service to the Commonwealth in both these roles.

“The Government wishes his Honour the very best in the years to come.

“Public notices will call for expressions of interest, or nominations of suitable persons, for appointment as a judge of the Federal Court of Australia who will also serve as the President of the Administrative Appeals Tribunal.

“The successful appointee will be based in one of the Tribunal’s registries on mainland Australia.”

Further information about these roles can be obtained at [www.ag.gov.au/aatemployment](http://www.ag.gov.au/aatemployment).

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