



**ATTORNEY-GENERAL
HON ROBERT McCLELLAND MP**

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APPOINTMENTS TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS TRIBUNAL

Attorney-General, Robert McClelland, today announced seven part-time appointments to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal (AAT).

“It is with great pleasure that I announce these appointments to the Tribunal,” Mr McClelland said.

New appointees to the AAT include Mr Francis O’Loughlin and Mr Graham Kenny as Senior Members, and Mr Peter Wulf as a Member.

Associate Professor Peter McDermott, Dr Gordon Hughes, Dr Graham Maynard and Ms Anne Shanahan have also been reappointed in their present positions.

Mr O’Loughlin, Dr Hughes and Ms Shanahan will be based in Melbourne. Mr Kenny, Associate Professor McDermott, Dr Maynard and Mr Wulf will be based in Queensland.

The appointments are part of a broader transparent selection process for AAT members currently being conducted by the Australian Government.

A short biography on each of the appointees is attached.

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Biographies of appointees to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal:

Dr Gordon Hughes

Dr Hughes has been a member of the Tribunal since 2004. He has been a partner of Blake Dawson Waldron since 1997 and adjunct professor at RMIT University since 2005. Dr Hughes has a PhD in law and is a qualified arbitrator.

Mr Graham Kenny

Mr Kenny has been a Member of the Tribunal since 2001. He has also served on the Veterans' Review Board, the Social Security Appeals Tribunal and as Queensland Convenor of the Student Assistance Review Tribunal.

Dr Graham Maynard

Dr Maynard has been a part-time Member of the Tribunal since 2004. He was the Chief Medical Adviser, Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) from 1996 until 2002 and remained as a consultant to the TGA until 2004. He had almost 30 years experience in the Army, including direct combat experience, and retired as a medical officer with the rank of Brigadier in 1990.

Associate Professor Peter McDermott

Associate Professor McDermott has been a Senior Member of the Tribunal since 2004. He has been a Reader in Law at the University of Queensland since 2003 and was a Senior Lecturer in Law at that University from 1993-2002.

Mr Francis O'Loughlin

Mr O'Loughlin has been at the Victorian Bar since 2003. Before this he was a partner, board member, practice group leader and senior associate at Corrs Chambers Westgarth. He is a senior fellow and has taught taxation subjects in the Masters program in the Faculty of Law, Melbourne University, since 2004.

Ms Anne Shanahan

Ms Shanahan was first appointed to the Tribunal in 1991. She is an experienced tribunal decision maker who is both medically and legally qualified. Ms Shanahan is also a Member of the Commonwealth Superannuation Complaints Tribunal and the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal.

Mr Peter Wulf

Mr Wulf has over 17 years experience as a scientist and an environmental planning lawyer. He has a Master of Laws and practises as a Barrister in areas of environmental and planning law at both the state and federal levels.