



**Greg Smith SC MP**

Attorney General  
Minister for Justice

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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **DUBBO BARRISTER APPOINTED AS A MAGISTRATE**

Attorney General Greg Smith SC today announced the appointment of Dubbo barrister Karen Robinson as a magistrate of the Local Court of NSW.

“Ms Robinson has more than 20 years of experience in the law and is among the most highly regarded legal practitioners in western NSW,” Mr Smith said.

After growing up in Sydney and studying law at the University of Sydney, Ms Robinson moved to Dubbo in 1992, where she has been practising law ever since.

Ms Robinson was admitted to the Bar in 2008 and is one of a small number of barristers in Dubbo. Practising primarily in criminal law, Ms Robinson has appeared in a range of Local and District Court matters, including trials, sentences and appeals.

Prior to joining the Bar, Ms Robinson served as a Senior Solicitor in Crime at Legal Aid in Dubbo for five years. She also spent more than 11 years in a private general litigation practice where she was involved in criminal, civil and family law. During that time, she became a Law Society accredited specialist in advocacy. Ms Robinson was also Secretary of the Orana Law Society from 1995 to 2005.

In addition to her work in court, Ms Robinson has:

- lectured for a driver education program;
- been involved in the education of local solicitors, including delivering conference papers;
- been a member of a community justice panel; and
- been a Young Lawyers representative for the Orana region.

Ms Robinson will be sworn in as a magistrate on 25 February 2013.

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