



**ATTORNEY-GENERAL  
THE HON ROBERT McCLELLAND MP**

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**APPOINTMENT OF NEW NNTT REGISTRAR**

The Attorney-General, Robert McClelland, today announced the appointment of Associate Professor Stephanie Fryer-Smith as the Registrar of the National Native Title Tribunal.

Her appointment will begin on 20 October 2008 and is for a period of five years.

“Associate Professor Fryer-Smith brings to the Tribunal a wealth of experience on a range of indigenous and land rights issues,” Mr McClelland said.

“I congratulate Associate Professor Fryer-Smith on her appointment.”

A short biography of Associate Professor Fryer-Smith is attached.

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## **Associate Professor Stephanie Fryer-Smith**

Associate Professor Fryer-Smith is currently the Associate Professor and Dean, International, of the Curtin Business School at the Curtin University of Technology.

Prior to this she held positions as Deputy District Registrar and Native Title Coordinator with the Federal Court of Australia.

Between 2003 and 2006, Associate Professor Fryer-Smith was the Deputy Convener of the Aboriginal Peoples and the Law Committee of the Law Society of Western Australia.

In 2000, Associate Professor Fryer-Smith was commissioned by the National Indigenous Cultural Awareness Committee of the Australian Institute for Judicial Administration to develop the Aboriginal Benchbook for Western Australian Courts.

The Benchbook was designed to raise judicial awareness of traditional and contemporary Aboriginal society, culture, law and other issues that may arise in criminal proceedings involving Aboriginal defendants and witnesses.

Associate Professor Fryer-Smith has lectured in native title law and has published articles on a range of indigenous land rights issues.