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NEW APPOINTMENT TO AUSTRALIAN LAW REFORM COMMISSION

Attorney-General Philip Ruddock today announced the appointment a new part-time member of the Australian Law Reform Commission (ALRC).

The Hon Justice Berna Collier has been a Justice of the Federal Court of Australia since 2006.

Prior to her appointment as a Justice of the Federal Court, Justice Collier was a Commissioner of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission. She has also served as a director of the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority.

"Justice Collier has written and presented widely in relation to aspects of insolvency and commercial law and has provided valuable input as a member of committees of the Law Council of Australia and as Chair of the Government taskforces on industry self-regulation, and consumer and financial literacy," Mr Ruddock said.

"Justice Collier's experience and knowledge will make a significant contribution to the work of the ALRC and I congratulate her on her appointment."

The Hon Justice Susan Kiefel's appointment as a part-time Commissioner ended on 3 September 2007 following her appointment to the High Court of Australia. The appointment of Justice Collier will fill the vacant position on the ALRC.

Justice Collier has been appointed for three years.

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