



Barry O'Farrell MP

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ICAC COMMISSIONER

NSW Premier Barry O'Farrell today announced the NSW Government is proposing the appointment of Supreme Court judge, the Hon Megan Latham, as the next Commissioner of the Independent Commission Against Corruption.

Justice Latham would succeed The Hon David Ipp AO QC who has advised he intends to retire on 24 January 2014.

Justice Latham was appointed a judge of the Supreme Court of NSW in 2005 and has previously served on the District Court, as well as a NSW Crown Prosecutor and Crown Advocate.

The appointment is subject to review by the NSW Parliament's Committee on the Independent Commission Against Corruption.

If approved, it will be recommended to the Governor that Justice Latham be appointed for a five year term commencing on 28 January 2014.

"I want to thank David Ipp for his extraordinary efforts as ICAC Commissioner," Mr O'Farrell said.

"David Ipp has reinvigorated ICAC and, through his efforts and leadership, restored public confidence in the Commission and reminded anyone thinking of doing the wrong thing that they will be found out.

"Justice Latham is highly respected across the legal community as a distinguished judge with extensive experience in public and criminal law.

"This nomination reflects the NSW Government's commitment to strong public watchdogs, integrity and accountability.

"The NSW Government has provided record funding for ICAC and strengthened its powers to ensure it can do its job without fear or favour."

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