



**ATTORNEY-GENERAL
HON ROBERT McCLELLAND MP**

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APPOINTMENT OF COMMONWEALTH SENIOR COUNSEL

Attorney-General, Robert McClelland, today announced the appointment of Mr George Witynski as a Commonwealth Senior Counsel.

Mr Witynski is the Deputy Chief General Counsel of the Australian Government Solicitor.

“This appointment is appropriate recognition of Mr Witynski’s outstanding expertise and abilities in the field of Commonwealth law,” Mr McClelland said.

For many years Mr Witynski has been one of the Commonwealth’s most senior legal counsel and has established a position as one of the most eminent Commonwealth legal advisers of his generation.

Mr Witynski’s expertise in the fields of constitutional and public law have been relied upon by successive Governments at the highest levels, particularly in relation to public finance and taxation.

During his career, he has also been directly involved in a number of significant constitutional cases in the High Court of Australia and other superior courts.

Mr Witynski is a graduate of the Australian National University and Columbia University in the United States.

This is the first Commonwealth Senior Counsel appointment following the replacement of the Queen’s Counsel title in Australian States.

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