



Swearing-in of Mr Peter J Lyons QC as a  
Judge of the Supreme Court, to sit in the Trial Division  
Banco Court  
Tuesday, 10 February 2009, 9am

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**The Hon Paul de Jersey AC  
Chief Justice of Queensland**

We welcome Justice Lyons to the ranks of the Supreme Court. His Honour is the 106<sup>th</sup> appointee to the court in its 147 year history. The appointment restores the court to its complement of 25 judges, following the recent departures of Justices Jerrard and Mackenzie and the appointment of Justice Chesterman to the Court of Appeal.

I note with pleasure the presence of the Attorney-General and the Director-General, together with the Chief Judge, Judges of the District, Federal and Family Courts, the Chief Magistrate, Magistrates and Tribunal members. The regional Judges cannot be here today, but would wish to be associated with these remarks.

Before saying more, I pause to acknowledge the plight suffered by our fellow citizens in North Queensland and Victoria. Our hearts go out to them as they bear horrendous burdens.

Justice Lyons is highly and amply qualified for this appointment. A graduate in Arts and Law with Honours, he has practised continuously at the Bar since his admission in 1975, developing a particular specialty in town planning and local government law. His practice has broadly encompassed commercial litigation and administrative law as well.

Justice Lyons' professional application included Presidency of the Bar Association of Queensland and in the early 1990's, membership of the Legal Aid Commission. His community involvement has included membership of school councils and membership of the Mater Hospital Research Ethics Committee.



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We warmly welcome His Honour to this high office, and wish him well as he proceeds to discharge its substantial responsibilities.