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MEDIA RELEASE

**APPOINTMENT OF PRESIDENT OF THE
AUSTRALIAN LAW REFORM COMMISSION**

Today I announce the appointment of Professor Sarah Derrington as the new President of the Australian Law Reform Commission (ALRC), for a five-year term. She replaces Professor Rosalind Croucher, who was recently appointed as the President of the Australian Human Rights Commission.

Professor Derrington has had a distinguished career both as a practicing lawyer and a legal scholar. She is currently the Academic Dean and Head of School at the TC Beirne School of Law at the University of Queensland.

Professor Derrington's fields of specialisation are admiralty, maritime law and insurance law. She has published extensively in these areas and is widely acknowledged as one of the leading scholars in the field. This has extended to active membership of a number of prestigious international maritime law associations, including the Comité Maritime International.

Beyond the academy, her professional experience has involved time working as a lawyer at the leading commercial law firms Minter Ellison and Freehills, as well as practice at the Bar.

She is also currently a member of the Board of the Australian Maritime Safety Authority and the Australian Maritime College, and is a member of the Council of the Australian National Maritime Museum.

Professor Derrington will bring practical experience as a legal practitioner, eminence as a scholar and skills as an administrator to the role of President of the ALRC.

She has also been appointed a judge of the Federal Court of Australia, from which she will be seconded during her tenure as President of the ALRC.

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