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STATEMENT

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RETIREMENT OF CHIEF JUSTICE HON T F BATHURST AC

Chief Justice Tom Bathurst AC has given exemplary service to the justice system, the state of NSW and the legal profession over a long career. When his Honour retires on 5 March 2022, he will have served in his current role for almost 11 years.

NSW has been fortunate to have a Chief Justice of his Honour's exceptional abilities and personal qualities to head the nation-leading Supreme Court, particularly recently through a once in a century pandemic.

His Honour, supported by his hard-working fellow judges and very able Supreme Court staff, worked to keep the wheels of justice rolling, harnessing technology to ensure, where possible, proceedings continued in a COVID-safe manner.

I am grateful for his Honour's helpful advice and candour since I became his fourth Attorney General in 2017.

I wish his Honour and his family well in his "retirement". I'm certain he has many significant contributions to make to the law in this state once he leaves the bench.

The Government will make an announcement as to the next Chief Justice in due course.