

**Dominic Perrottet** Treasurer Minister for Industrial Relations

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## PETER KITE SC APPOINTED FIRST CHIEF COMMISSIONER OF NSW INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS COMMISSION

Treasurer and Minister for Industrial Relations Dominic Perrottet has announced the appointment of Peter Kite SC as the first Chief Commissioner of the NSW Industrial Relations Commission (IRC) following a merit-based appointment process.

The role of Chief Commissioner was introduced following the restructure of the IRC in late 2016.

Mr Perrottet said Mr Kite brought a wealth of experience to the role in a career that has included previous temporary appointments with the IRC.

"Peter has been a senior industrial relations practitioner for more than three decades, and has served as Acting Deputy President of the IRC of New South Wales and Acting Judge of the Industrial Court of New South Wales," Mr Perrottet said.

"I have no doubt he will make a valuable contribution in leading the IRC here in NSW, and I wish him all the best in this role."

The role of Chief Commissioner replaces the former role of President of the IRC.

The Chief Commissioner will lead the IRC's operations in resolving industrial disputes and settling employment conditions and remuneration for employees primarily in the NSW public sector and local government.

Mr Kite's experience includes more than 30 years as a barrister specialising in industrial law and unfair contracts. He is also an accredited mediator with the NSW Bar Association.

Mr Kite commenced in the role this week.

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