

Statutory and Other Offices Remuneration Tribunal

REPORT AND DETERMINATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 14(2) OF THE *STATUTORY AND OTHER OFFICES REMUNERATION ACT 1975* – DEPUTY CHIEF JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES

(As amended by erratum in Government Gazette No 67 – Other of 20 February 2026, number 2026-67-8)

Premier's Direction

1. The Premier and Special Minister of State jointly administer the *Statutory and Other Offices Remuneration Act 1975* (**SOOR Act**). On 23 January 2026, pursuant to section 14(2) of the SOOR Act, the Premier, the Hon Chris Minns MP, directed the Statutory and Other Offices Remuneration Tribunal (**the Tribunal**) make a special determination regarding the remuneration for the office of Deputy Chief Judge of the District Court of New South Wales.
2. In giving this direction, the Premier considered remuneration information as provided by the Attorney General. As such the Premier recommended that the appropriate remuneration for the office of Deputy Chief Judge of the District Court of New South Wales be \$486,791 per annum. A Conveyance Allowance, the same as that paid to District Court Judges, being \$22,455 per annum is also appropriate.

Deputy Chief Judge of the District Court of New South Wales

3. The office of Deputy Chief Judge of the District Court of New South Wales is established by the *District Court Legislation Amendment Act 2025* which commenced on 17 September 2025. The legislation provides for the appointment of one or more Judges to the office of Deputy Chief Judge.
4. Section 17A of the *District Court Act 1973* provides for the appointment of the Deputy Chief Judge, by the Governor.
5. The office of the Deputy Chief Judge of the District Court will perform delegated functions as determined by the Chief Judge. These functions will support the Chief Judge in managing the operation of the court and may include arranging sittings of the court; stakeholder engagement; monitoring operation of the jurisdiction including performance and caseload, and supervising and providing professional supporting to the cohort of District Court Judges.
6. In determining the remuneration for the office of Deputy Chief Judge of the District Court of New South Wales, the Tribunal has had regard to supporting information provided to the Tribunal, including the responsibilities and functions to be carried out by the Deputy Chief Judge. The Tribunal also considered salary relativities with similar offices in the Supreme and Local Court jurisdictions, as

provided by the Attorney General and listed in the Statutory and Other Offices Remuneration Tribunal (**SOORT**) 2025 Annual Determination – Judges and Magistrates Group.

7. The Tribunal determines that the annual salary for the office of Deputy Chief Judge of the District Court be set at \$486,791 per annum, effective from 15 December 2025.
8. The Tribunal also determines the Conveyance Allowance of the Deputy Chief Judge of the District Court to be set at \$22,445, in line with the conveyance figure for Judges of the District Court in the SOORT 2025 Annual Determination – Judges and Magistrates Group – dated 22 July 2025.

Determination

This Special Determination amends the SOORT 2025 Annual Determination – Judges and Magistrates Group - dated 22 July 2025.

Pursuant to section 14(2) of the SOOR Act, the Tribunal determines the annual salary for the office of Deputy Chief Judge of the District Court, shall be as follows, effective on and from 15 December 2025.

| Office | Salary per annum | Conveyance Allowance |
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| Deputy Chief Judge of the District Court | \$486,791 | \$22,445 |

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The Hon. Michael Knight AO

Date: 28 January 2026