

8.1. MM01: Appointment of Justice Jayne Jagot to the High Court of Australia

Late last month, the Commonwealth Attorney-General, the Hon Mark Dreyfus, KC MP announced the appointment of Justice Jayne Jagot to the High Court of Australia. Her Honour will take up her position in mid-October upon the retirement of Justice Patrick Keane AC.

Justice Jagot's elevation to the High Court is historic as not only is she the seventh woman to be appointed to the Court, but it will be the first time since Federation that the majority of justices on the High Court are women.

Justice Jagot has strong connections to the North Sydney local government area. In her early career, Justice Jagot was a solicitor, then partner, at Mallesons Stephen Jaques who served as legal advisors to North Sydney Council over a number of decades.

During her time at Mallesons, Justice Jagot advised Council on numerous legal matters and is remembered by many Council staff and residents for her sharp intellect, exceptional diligence, modesty and compassion. No doubt, Her Honour will bring those exceptional qualities to the High Court of Australia and to the jurisprudence of this nation.

I therefore recommend:

- 1.THAT** Council write to Justice Jayne Jagot congratulating her on her historic appointment to the High Court of Australia.
- 2.THAT** Council acknowledge Justice Jagot's valuable contribution to our community throughout her early career as a lawyer and partner at Mallesons Stephen Jaques and as a barrister advising and representing this Council.

**COUNCILLOR ZOË BAKER
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