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NEW APPOINTMENTS TO ANTI-CORRUPTION WATCHDOG

The Andrews Labor Government has appointed two new Deputy Commissioners to the Independent Broad-based Anti-Corruption Commission (IBAC) – further strengthening the agency’s vital oversight role.

The new Deputy Commissioners Kylie Kilgour and Stephen Farrow both have extensive experience within the justice and legal fields and will be welcome additions to IBAC’s ranks.

Ms Kilgour was appointed Acting Deputy Commissioner at IBAC in January 2021. She was previously CEO of the Royal Commission into the Management of Police Informants, supporting the critical work of the commission until its conclusion in November 2020.

She spent over a decade in several senior roles at the Department of Justice and Community Safety (DJCS), including as Deputy Secretary.

Ms Kilgour has extensive experience overseeing complex matters, such as DJCS’s responses to the Royal Commission into Family Violence, the Royal Commission into Institutional Child Sex Abuse and the Bourke Street Mall tragedy.

She was admitted to legal practice in New South Wales in 2002 and holds a Postgraduate Diploma in Legal Practice from Sydney’s College of Law, and a Bachelor of Arts and a Bachelor of Laws from the University of New South Wales.

As Deputy Chairperson of the Adult Parole Board, Mr Farrow became the first non-judicial officer appointed to the role in the board’s 64-year history. He was CEO of the Sentencing Advisory Council from 2008 and has held several roles at DJCS focusing on terrorism and criminal law reform.

Mr Farrow began his career as a solicitor with Blake Dawson Waldron Solicitors in 1994. He holds a Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Laws with Honours from the University of Melbourne.

The new Deputy Commissioners fill a vacancy and create a new third Deputy Commissioner position. This change is designed to increase IBAC’s capacity across both the public sector and police, and increase IBAC’s prevention and education activities.

As part of the last two State Budgets IBAC has been provided more than \$56 million in additional funding to deliver its critical oversight role of upholding the integrity of our public institutions.

Quotes attributable to Attorney-General Jaclyn Symes

“Ms Kilgour and Mr Farrow possess a broad range of experience and expertise, and I know they will both make significant contributions to IBAC’s important work.”

“It’s crucial Victorians have confidence in a system that scrutinises our public sector and police force to ensure any corruption or misconduct is prevented, investigated and prosecuted – and both appointees will do just that.”

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