Media Release

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ENSURING THE JUSTICE SYSTEM IS MORE ACCESSIBLE

The Andrews Labor Government is continuing to invest in the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT) – providing fair, efficient and affordable justice for the Victorian community.

Attorney-General Jaclyn Symes today announced the appointment of 10 new tribunal members.

The appointments to VCAT will help to reduce the ongoing backlog and help in resolving a large number of disputes each year.

The appointments include:

- Peter Cole, a senior civil engineer.

- Gregory Brock, an adjudicator and member of the Torture Claims Appeal Board and Non-Refoulement Office of Hong Kong.

- Rea Condoleon, a principal member of the Refugee Status Review Tribunal in Nauru.

- Richard Curie, a senior lawyer and consultant mediator.

- Jennifer Ellis, a sessional legal member of the Mental Health Tribunal.

- Filip Gelev, a member of the Torture Claims Appeal Board and Non-Refoulement Office of Hong Kong, Nauru Refugee Status Review Tribunal and a supervising lawyer at Refugee Legal.

- Jennifer Holdstock, a founding principal at Holdstock Law.

- Diane Hubble, a member of the National Sports Tribunal and a principal decision maker in the Practitioner Discipline Unit of the Victorian Building Authority.

- Donald Lucas, a member of the Hong Kong Torture Claims Appeal Board and Non-Refoulement Office and a principal of Lucas Australian Migration Consulting.

- John Vestakis, a certified land valuer.

Quotes attributable to Attorney-General Jaclyn Symes

"We're continuing to invest in our justice system to ensure every Victorian fair, efficient and affordable access to a fair trial."

"I look forward to seeing the strong and positive contribution these appointments make to VCAT – ensuring Victorians can access our justice system in a timely manner."