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MINISTER GALLACHER APPOINTS DAVID PATTEN TO LEAD INQUIRY INTO THE CRIME COMMISSION

Minister for Police and Emergency Services Michael Gallacher has today announced the appointment of David Patten to lead the Special Commission of Inquiry into the NSW Crime Commission.

“The NSW Government always said it would establish a review of the Crime Commission, and I am delighted to appoint Mr Patten to lead this inquiry,” Minister Gallacher said.

“Under the leadership of Mr Patten, this inquiry will examine the structure, procedures, accountability and oversight of the Commission,” Minister Gallacher said.

Mr Patten who is currently a Deputy President of the Administrative Decisions Tribunal, commenced practice as a solicitor in 1956.

He became an Associate Judge of the District Court of NSW in 1990 and a Judge of the Court in 1992.

From 2004 to 2007 and during 2009 Mr Patten was an Acting Judge of the Supreme Court of NSW.

In 2008-2009, Mr Patten conducted the inquiry into the conviction of Phuong Ngo for the murder of Cabramatta MP, Mr John Newman.

“The Crime Commission has been very successful and I recognise the work it has done in fighting organised crime.

“This inquiry now needs to take place to ensure the Government and the community have confidence in the Commission into the future,” Mr Gallacher concluded.

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