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NEW JUDGE OF THE LAND AND ENVIRONMENT COURT

NSW Attorney General John Hatzistergos today announced the appointment of Malcolm Craig, QC, as a judge of the Land and Environment Court of NSW.

“Mr Craig is among the state’s most experienced and respected practitioners of environmental law,” Mr Hatzistergos said.

Mr Craig became a barrister in 1977 and for almost 30 years has been specialising in matters involving local government, planning and the environment.

He was appointed Queen’s Counsel in 1989 and served as a part-time Commissioner of the NSW Law Reform Commission from 1991 to 1995.

Mr Craig appeared before the inquest into the Thredbo landslide and in related litigation in the Supreme Court.

From 2004 to 2007, he served as President of the Environment & Planning Law Association of NSW.

Mr Craig will be sworn in as a judge of the Land and Environment Court on March 2.

“I congratulate Mr Craig on his appointment and look forward to his contribution to the court,” Mr Hatzistergos said.