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Law Council welcomes new ministry

Law Council of Australia President Mr Tass Liveris says the national peak body is looking forward to working with the new federal government's ministry, announced today.

Mr Liveris issued a particular welcome to incoming Attorney-General, Mark Dreyfus QC,

"I warmly congratulate Mr Dreyfus on his appointment to the role of First Law Officer," Mr Liveris said.

"The Attorney-General's portfolio is a very important one and I know Mr Dreyfus appreciates the weight it carries, having occupied the office previously and been Shadow Attorney since 2013. For many years the Law Council has worked to ensure the national legal profession enjoys a respectful and open relationship with the office of the Attorney-General, and I am confident that will continue with Mr Dreyfus.

"The Law Council has long enjoyed a constructive and collaborative relationship with Mr Dreyfus and I look forward to working with him to promote the rule of law and administration of justice."

Mr Liveris said the 47th parliament had ample opportunity for positive reform.

"The Law Council has welcomed the Albanese government's full and unqualified commitment to constitutional recognition of a First Nation's Voice to Parliament and we look forward to working with Mr Dreyfus, Ms Linda Burney, and other relevant ministers as well as Special Envoy, Senator Patrick Dodson, to guide a successful referendum," Mr Liveris said.

"We also welcome the commitment to an effective Commonwealth Integrity Commission and will encourage the establishment of a Federal Judicial Commission. The Law Council will also work with the new parliament to progress implementation of the remaining Respect@Work recommendations and a National Plan to Reduce Violence Against Women and their Children.

"More broadly we will continue to pursue our long-standing goal of investment in our justice system, including long term, evidence based funding increases to the legal assistance sector, proper resourcing of the courts and funding to meet the access to justice needs in rural, regional and remote communities.

"In the lead up to the recent federal election we informed all candidates of the issues the Law Council believes must be tackled at the highest level and without delay.

"We look forward to productively collaborating with all MPs and senators to ensure the laws passed through our Federal Parliament are considered and effective."

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