

# Towards the PIC

Newsletter | Edition 1

## Welcome

Welcome to the first edition of Towards the PIC. The Personal Injury Commission (PIC) legislation was passed by the NSW Parliament on 5 August 2020. It was assented to on 11 August with an establishment date of 1 March 2021.

As the current President of the Workers Compensation Commission and inaugural President of the PIC, I have been appointed to undertake the preparatory steps necessary or convenient to facilitate the establishment of the PIC.

I will use this 'Towards the PIC' newsletter to advise you all about the actions we are taking to prepare for the PIC. We are embarking on an exciting and challenging road, and I am confident we will achieve success as we work together to establish the new Commission, for the benefit of injured workers and road users in New South Wales.

I look forward to sharing more information with you in our next edition.

Sincerely,  
Judge Gerard Phillips

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## Statutory appointments

The following appointments were made on 26 August 2020, pursuant to section 7 of the Personal Injury Commission Act 2020 (the Act) by the Honorable Mark Speakman SC MP, Attorney General and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence:

1. **President of the PIC – Judge Gerard Phillips**
2. **Division Head – Workers Compensation Division – Mr Rodney Parsons**
3. **Division Head – Motor Accidents Division – Ms Marie Johns**

Following my appointment as President of the PIC, I am empowered under s 7 of the PIC Act to take steps before 1 March 2021 to establish the Commission.

## Rule Committee appointments

Pursuant to section 19 of the PIC Act, there must be a Rule Committee. The development of the rules is a critical task for the commencement of the PIC and the time between now and 1 March 2021 will go by quickly. To that end, I am pleased to note that I have received the following appointments to the Rule Committee.

<b>Judge Gerard PHILLIPS</b>	President, Chairperson of the Rule Committee
<b>Mr Rodney PARSONS</b>	Division Head Workers Compensation Division
<b>Ms Marie JOHNS</b>	Division Head Motor Accidents Division
<b>Ms Carmel DONNELLY</b>	State Insurance Regulatory Authority (SIRA) Rules Committee appointee
<b>Ms Natasha FLORES</b>	Unions NSW appointee
<b>Mr Joe MURPHY</b>	Rules Committee appointee jointly nominated by the Ai Group, Australian Federation of Employers and Industries, NSW Business Chamber
<b>Ms Elizabeth WELSH</b>	Council of the NSW Bar Association appointee
<b>Mr Ross STANTON</b>	Council of the NSW Bar Association appointee
<b>Mr Ian JONES</b>	Council of the Law Society of NSW appointee
<b>Mr Shane BUTCHER</b>	Council of the Law Society of NSW appointee
<b>TBC</b>	Rules Committee appointee jointly nominated by the Royal Australasian College of Physicians (RACP), The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists (RANZCP) and The Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (RACS)

I will convene the first meeting of the Rule Committee pursuant to s19(9) of the PIC Act shortly.

## Business as Usual

Pending the establishment of the PIC on 1 March 2021, both the Workers Compensation Commission (WCC) and the Dispute Resolution Service (DRS) will deal with their matters in

the usual way. We will keep you advised about transitional arrangements before the establishment date, for example the new matter number you will have for any matter that transfers to the PIC.

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## FAQS

We are developing a set of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) which will be published on the WCC and DRS websites. We are also developing stakeholder specific FAQs which will be shared with you as appropriate.

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