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NEW APPOINTMENT SOUGHT FOR NEWCASTLE FAMILY COURT

The Commonwealth will tomorrow begin seeking expressions of interest and nominations for the appointment of a Judge to the Newcastle registry of the Family Court.

"This is great news for the Newcastle Court, and all of the families in our region and beyond who rely on its services," Federal Member for Newcastle Sharon Grierson said.

"It means that, following the recent retirement of Justice Graeme Mullane, the Newcastle Family Court will again be fully resourced with two full-time, locally-based Judges."

"This will help to allow more matters to be heard and speed up the process for families during what can be a very traumatic time."

"We've been working for many years to get the best possible resourcing for the Newcastle Family Court."

"I'm pleased to be a part of a Government that has acknowledged and responded to the needs of Newcastle on this very important issue."

The appointment will be advertised in national and local newspapers beginning tomorrow, and more information will be available at www.ag.gov.au/courtappointments

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