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NEW FAMILY COURT JUDGE A WIN FOR NEWCASTLE

Years of lobbying by the Newcastle community, the legal fraternity and the Federal Member for Newcastle have been rewarded today, with the appointment of a second Judge to the Newcastle Family Court Registry.

"Because Newcastle has had only one Judge for the past eight years, the delay in hearing Family Court matters has grown to up to 25 months," Sharon Grierson, Federal Member for Newcastle, said today.

"That is over two years that families already in significant distress have had to wait to have their matters heard."

"With a second Judge, we can now work to eliminate this delay."

"This is a great win for Newcastle families."

"It will also benefit the wider region, with the Newcastle Registry serving the Central Coast, Hunter and areas north to the Queensland border."

"The Newcastle community and legal fraternity should be congratulated for their very effective lobbying on this issue. It again reminds us what can be achieved when we work together for change."

"We have convinced the Government of the very real need for extra resources in the Newcastle Registry."

"I look forward to Federal Magistrate Judy Ryan beginning her duties as a Judge of the Family Court in Newcastle at the end of July."

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