

On 30 August 2022 The Hon Justice R Wright ordered, pursuant to s 79(1)(a) of the Crimes (Appeal and Review) Act 2001 (NSW), that an inquiry be conducted by a judicial officer into the convictions on 9 February 1981 of Maksimilian Bebic, Mile Nekic, Vjekoslav Brajkovic, Anton Zvirotic, Ilija Kokotovic and Joseph Kokotovic.

Today, acting pursuant to s 81(1)(b) of the *Crimes (Appeal and Review) Act 2001* (NSW), I appointed The Honourable Acting Justice R A Hulme as the judicial officer to conduct the inquiry.

Acting Justice Hulme was called to the Bar in 1990 and was appointed Senior Counsel in 2002 before being appointed to the District Court in 2005 and as Judge of the Supreme Court of NSW from 2009 to 2022. His Honour was appointed an Acting Judge of the Supreme Court of NSW in October 2022.

It is anticipated that the inquiry will commence in the second half of 2023.

The Honourable A S Bell

Chief Justice of New South Wales

16 March 2023