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Draft Joint Media Release

The Chief Justice of Queensland and the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice, Minister for Training and Skills

On 24 May 2015 the Chief Justice offered to resign his post on just terms if it was in the overall best interests of the court and the Queensland community to do so.

We are pleased to be able to announce a dignified end to the controversy that has embroiled the Chief Justice and other judges of the Supreme Court in recent times. True to his word, and in a generous and gracious gesture for the greater public good, His Honour has tendered his resignation to His Excellency the Acting Governor.

However, His Honour retains his office and standing as a Judge of the Supreme Court. He will act as a supplementary judicial member of the QCAT until such time as the Presidency of that body becomes vacant on the mutual understanding and expectation that he will be offered that post when it is next available.

This arrangement is intended to resolve issues currently surrounding the leadership of the Queensland judiciary and to restore certainty and stability in the due administration of justice within the State.

The Chief Justice's sacrifice of the significant rights, remuneration and privileges of the Office of Chief Justice is a magnanimous, selfless and honourable act which he could not be forced to do and has shown great courage and strength of character in doing it.

Happily His Honour's formidable legal skills and administrative experience will not go to waste. He will continue to serve the community in new and intended future role at QCAT.

The Government acknowledges and applauds the Chief Justice's decision to resign in the public interest and wishes him every future professional and personal success.

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