



BAR ASSOCIATION  
OF QUEENSLAND

# Media Release

## CONTROVERSY CONCERNING THE APPOINTMENT OF THE NEXT CHIEF JUSTICE OF QUEENSLAND

The President of the Bar Association of Queensland, Peter Davis QC said today:

“In the light of some of the reporting today of comments by me as President of the Bar Association I want to reiterate that I cannot, have not and will not publicly discuss the attributes or features of any individuals who may be considered for appointment as Chief Justice of Queensland. My concern is that undue speculation may be damaging to the judicial system. No statement by me should be construed as support of or defending any candidate, including Judge Carmody, as suitable for the position of Chief Justice of Queensland. The Bar Association supports the following principles :

1. The integrity, reputation and standing of the Courts is paramount;
2. The Judiciary must be independent from the other arms of Government;
3. The Judiciary must clearly and unquestionably be seen to be independent from the other arms of Government;
4. Any person who is appointed to lead the Supreme Court of Queensland ought to have the general respect of the legal profession and the Judges of the Supreme Court.

“When considering the selection of the Chief Justice of Queensland the Bar Association trusts that the Executive of the Government of Queensland considers the principles outlined above and considers the advice we have given confidentially.”

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