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NEW CHAIR FOR INDEPENDENT LIQUOR & GAMING AUTHORITY

Lawyer Philip Crawford, a director of community advocacy groups Bravehearts and the Thomas Kelly Youth Foundation, has been appointed Chair of the Independent Liquor and Gaming Authority (ILGA).

Deputy Premier and Minister for Justice and Police Troy Grant said Mr Crawford possesses the skills and experience to carry out the role of ILGA Chair.

“The ILGA board is responsible for making independent decisions on high-risk licence applications for nightclubs, bottle shops and gaming machines and also about complaints against licensed venues and the casino,” Mr Grant said.

“People appointed to the ILGA board must be of the highest integrity and promote fair, transparent and efficient decision-making and Mr Crawford fits that bill.”

Mr Crawford was first admitted as a solicitor in 1978 and went on to build a legal career at law firm Henry Davis York, for which he became a partner in 1984 and Chairman of Partners in 2010.

He is also a board director for two not-for-profit organisations - child protection advocacy group Bravehearts and the Thomas Kelly Youth Foundation, which promotes behavioural change in young people to create a responsible drinking culture and a safe and healthy community.

Mr Crawford will begin his three-year tenure today and is supported on the ILGA board by Deputy Chair David Armati and four other new members who have been appointed since March:

- Craig Sahlin, a former NSW Government senior executive with extensive experience in regulatory reform, policy development and implementation;
- Stephen Parbery, Chairman of PPB Advisory and a registered liquidator who has acted on a number of matters for the Commonwealth;
- Nicky McWilliam, a lawyer and director of a dispute resolution firm that has been engaged in workplace, commercial and corrections matters; and
- Murray Smith, a restructuring and insolvency specialist who provides financial advice to company boards and a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants.

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