

# News Release Deputy Premier John Rau

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## Fair, accessible and efficient justice system

Potential for broad reform of the justice system in South Australia will be on the agenda at the Legal Services Commission Conference this morning.

Attorney General and Minister for Justice Reform John Rau will address the conference today to outline his views on what makes a good Justice system and how it can be achieved.

“Our justice system needs to be accessible, citizen focused, efficient and fair,” he said.

“If our system doesn’t meet these benchmarks then we need to make changes.

“I think there is scope for improvements across our entire justice system.”

Mr Rau said there is a great opportunity for reform after the creation of the new portfolio of Justice Reform.

“During my brief time as Minister for Police and Correctional Services, I was struck by the opportunities that existed for collaborative reform across the justice system, he said.

“Following the Election, I asked that a new portfolio of Justice Reform be created.”

Mr Rau said initial work would be in the area of criminal law and he would work closely with the Criminal Justice Reform Council on this.

“I set up this group last year and already they have already undertaken some very good work,” he said.

“I will now personally be chairing the committee and I hope this new challenge will build on the good work they have already undertaken.

“They will meet frequently and in my role as chair I will provide a direct link to the Cabinet.

“I want to ensure the good work of the Criminal Justice Sector Reform Council continues, and make sure a new emphasis be placed on reform from the ground up.”