

Deputy Premier John Rau

Attorney-General

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Search begins for new Public Advocate

A search will begin this weekend for a new Public Advocate following the resignation of Dr John Brayley.

Attorney General John Rau said the Governor has accepted the resignation of Dr Brayley who has served in the role since 2008.

“After serving seven years as Public Advocate for South Australia Dr Brayley has taken up an opportunity with the Commonwealth as Chief Medical Officer at the Department of Immigration,” he said.

“In conjunction with this, he will also serve as Surgeon General of the Australian Border Force.

“While this is certainly a great loss for South Australia, I congratulate him and wish him well on his next endeavour.”

Mr Rau said through his integrity, hard work and willingness to listen, Dr Brayley will leave a lasting positive influence on those he worked with and advocated for.

“The steps he took toward achieving a model of supported decision making, has had a significant impact in the sector,” he said.

“This work assists people to make decisions for themselves wherever possible, instead of having them made by others.”

“He also contributed to the Disability Justice Plan, the implementation of a new Dispute Resolution Service and to the Strategy to Safeguard the Rights of Older South Australians.

“Dr Brayley has highlighted the challenges faced by forensic mental health patients in the corrections system, while his work in limiting restrictive practices has had a significant influence on practice in the disability sector in this state.

“His final day in the role will be Friday, 2 October 2015 when it is expected an Acting Public Advocate will be appointed until the recruitment process is finalised.

“On behalf of the State Government, I would like to thank Dr Brayley for his service to South Australia.”