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CLA welcomes Corbell as Attorney-General and Police Minister

CLA welcomed the appointment today of Simon Corbell as ACT Attorney-General and Police Minister.

“Mr Corbell brings a track record of consulting widely and handling difficult decisions well to a portfolio where many improvements are needed, particularly in managing the contract for ACT policing services,” CLA president Dr Kristine Klugman said.

“We also welcome the fact that the new Attorney-General is not a lawyer: from time to time it is good to have a lay person administering the legal portfolio, to provide a different viewpoint.

“Of course, he will bring first-hand experience as a bush firefighter to the Emergency Services part of his responsibility.

“This is an area where CLA has long argued that, in a bushfire, home owners should be free to stay and fight for their homes if they are properly prepared, rather than being forcibly evacuated by police,” she said.

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