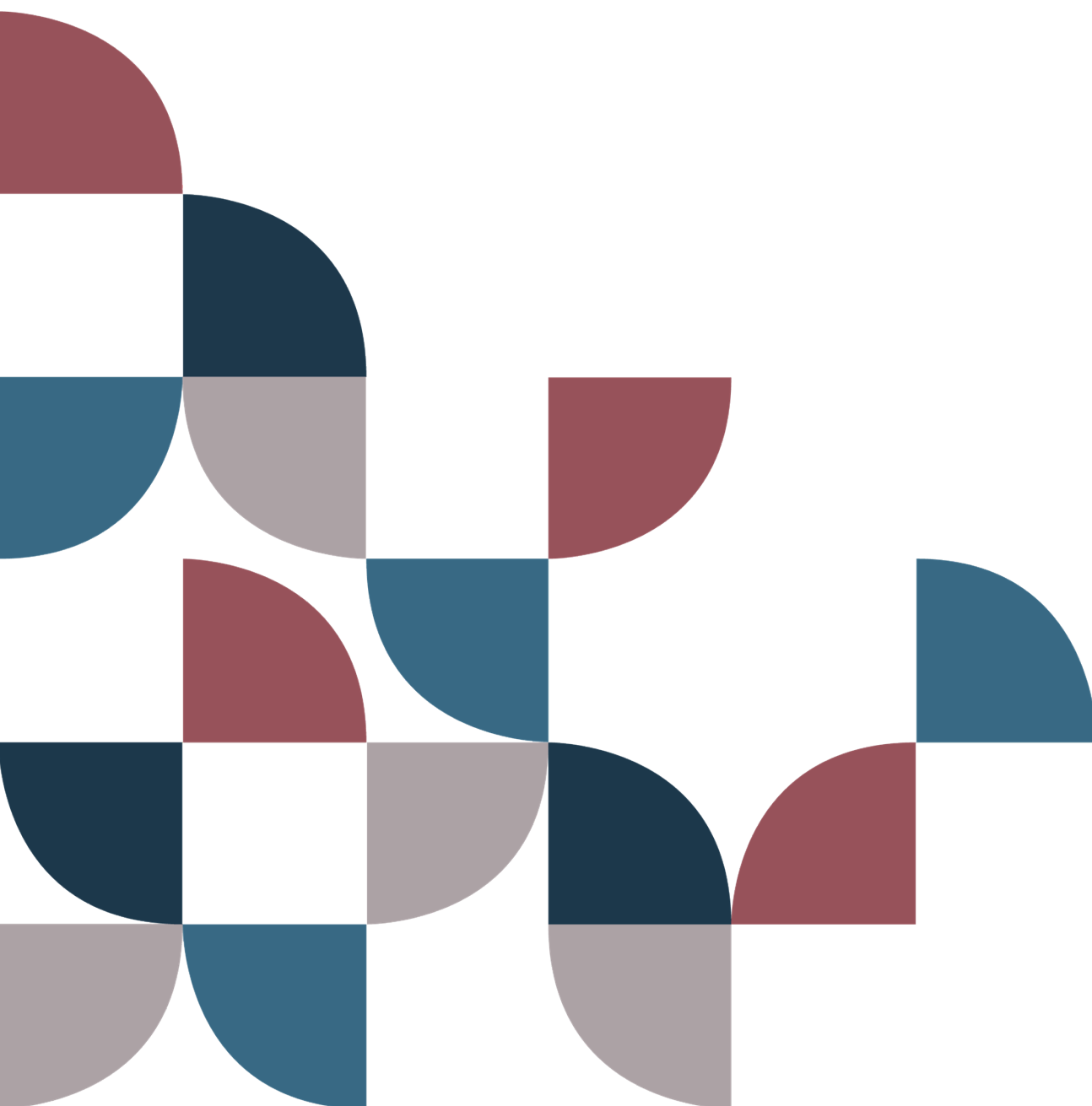


# Information Package

**Director of Public Prosecutions**

September 2026



# Background

The Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (the DPP) is established by section 3 of the *Director of Public Prosecutions Act 1973* (the Act). The primary function of the DPP is to:

- determine whether to institute proceedings on behalf of the State against a person for an offence or a crime on indictment and,
- if so, conduct those proceedings.

The Office of DPP provides the following criminal law services to the State of Tasmania:

- conducts all criminal prosecutions on indictment in the Supreme Court and some summary criminal matters in the Magistrates Courts, where required.
- conducts the prosecution of regulatory offences.
- represents agencies in appeal from Magistrates Courts to the Supreme Court, and in tribunal or board hearings involving government agencies.
- represents the Crown in appeals to the Court of Criminal Appeal and the High Court.

In addition to criminal services, the Office also provides counsel to assist the Coroner and acts for the Secretary of the Department for Education, Children and Young People in child protection matters.

The DPP is an independent statutory officer but reports to Parliament through the Attorney-General. The DPP acts independently of the government and of political influence, and is independent of police and other investigating bodies and agencies. The DPP's functions are also carried out independently of the courts.

The DPP is assisted in carrying out his functions by the Deputy Director of Public Prosecutions, Crown prosecutors and administrative staff employed in the Office of the DPP.

More information about the Office of the DPP may be found on its website at [Director of Public Prosecutions : Home](#).

## Expressions of Interest

Expressions of interest are sought from eligible persons for appointment to the role of DPP.

Section 4(2) of the Act provides, in part, that a person is not eligible for appointment as DPP unless he or she is an Australian lawyer of not less than 7 years' standing as a practitioner.

In addition to the requirements under section 4(2) of the Act, applicants should possess:

- extensive experience and demonstrated skills in the conduct of complex, critical, novel and sensitive criminal trials and appeals, as solicitor and counsel, before all Commonwealth and State Courts;
- a comprehensive and expert knowledge of criminal law, especially the Criminal Code 1924 and related legislation relevant to the State and its agencies and instrumentalities;
- demonstrated high level communication skills, including outstanding advocacy, negotiation and mediation skills, and the capacity to effectively convey legal information to non-specialists;
- highly developed organisational ability including the capacity to work under pressure, manage priorities, including changing and conflicting priorities, appropriately delegate work and manage performance;
- highly developed interpersonal skills, with the ability to establish and maintain effective professional relationships with the judiciary, magistracy, statutory officers, the legal profession, and senior officers of the public service;
- excellent professional leadership skills and qualities including the ability to develop, mentor and motivate staff, foster team development and build organisational capability; and
- highly developed conceptual, strategic and analytical skills with the ability to develop and make difficult decisions and sound judgements in the context of the legislative, political, economic and social environment.

The expression of interest is the first stage in demonstrating your claims and ability against the vacancy. It provides you with the opportunity to showcase your expertise and highlight your achievements, and is the critical factor in whether you progress to the next stage of the selection process. It is important to have a good understanding of what the position involves and the range of skills required.

Your application will be assessed in regard to your qualifications, work experience and relevant skills. Your application should include an up-to-date curriculum vitae (CV) and a signed and dated probity check statement (appended to this information package).

## **Working Environment**

The Office of the DPP is located in Hobart, however some intrastate and interstate travel will be required.

# Remuneration & Conditions

The DPP is appointed by the Governor and holds office for a period of 10 years.

Remuneration is in accordance with section 5A(2) of the *Director of Prosecutions Act 1973*, and is \$540,798 per annum as at 1 July 2026.

## Merit Selection

Selection decisions are made in accordance with the merit principle. This means that an assessment is based on the:

- relative suitability of the applicant;
- capacity of the applicant to achieve outcomes related to the duties; and
- the applicant's work related qualities.

## Referee Reports

The Department may wish to contact referees to discuss your application. Referees are people nominated by you that can offer comments in relation to your ability to meet the selection criteria. Details of at least two (2) referees should be provided.

## Further information

For further enquiries please contact Ms Kristy Bourne, Secretary, Department of Justice by email [secretary@justice.tas.gov.au](mailto:secretary@justice.tas.gov.au) or phone (03) 6165 4943.

## Lodgement of Applications

The Department prefers email lodgement of applications. The email address for lodgement of applications is [applications@justice.tas.gov.au](mailto:applications@justice.tas.gov.au). Applications submitted electronically will be acknowledged by email upon submission. It is not necessary to send a hard copy of your application if you have submitted it electronically.

Hard copy applications may be forwarded to:

Human Resources  
GPO Box 825  
Hobart Tasmania 7001

Please ensure that your application is received by **Friday, 30 October 2026**.

# Probity Statement

(to be completed by applicant)

Hon Guy Barnett MP  
Attorney-General  
Minister for Justice, Corrections and Rehabilitation

I declare that I have no business or personal interest, real or perceived, which might conflict with the interests of the **Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions**, other than any required as a prerequisite for the office which might appear to raise a material potential conflict with my public duty as **Director of Public Prosecutions**.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
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