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NEW CHAIR OF HUNTER WATER

Minister for Finance and Services Greg Pearce, today announced the appointment of Mr Terry Lawler as Chairperson of the Hunter Water Corporation in attendance with Hunter Water Managing Director Mr Kim Wood.

Educated at Newcastle University, Mr Lawler is currently the Chairman of Lawler Partners Pty Ltd and the Lawler Chartered Accountant Group, companies he founded, and several other local and national businesses and charities.

Mr Lawler successfully built from scratch one of the top services firms in the country, as recognised over several years by BRW. In addition to this, he has been the Director and Chairman of the National Rail Corporation, the Newcastle Knights, and a Director of the Newcastle Port Corporation.

“Mr Lawler is one of the Hunter’s most well respected businessmen who brings both local knowledge and extensive expertise to the role of Hunter Water Chairperson,” Mr Pearce said.

“Mr Lawler is also currently a director of several local businesses and Chairman of a number of substantial charities including Special Olympics Australia Junior National Games 2012, Life Without Barriers, and the NIB Foundation,” he said.

“In his role as chairperson of Hunter Water, he will work with Managing Director Mr Kim Wood to oversee the remainder of Hunter Water’s \$700 million four year infrastructure program, including the \$132 million investment this year.

“Mr Lawler replaces Mr Ron Robson who has served as a Director on the Board for the past 30 years, 17 of which he was Chairperson.

“I thank Mr Robson for his contribution to the Board and wish him every success in his future endeavours and look forward to Mr Lawler’s contribution.

“Hunter Water faces critical challenges in the near future, including the development of the Lower Hunter Water Plan with the Metropolitan Water Directorate, securing water supplies for the Lower Hunter, and water essential for business and industry whilst providing essential water infrastructure and putting downward pressure on cost of living expenses,” Mr Pearce said.

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