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Media release

Passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

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The Australian Bar Association (ABA), on behalf of Australia's more than 6,000 barristers, offers heartfelt condolences to the family of Queen Elizabeth II upon the passing of Her Majesty.

Her Majesty served as Head of State of the United Kingdom and Australia over seven decades; a period during which the United Kingdom had 16, and Australia had 17, Prime Ministers.

President of the ABA, Dr Matt Collins AM KC, said, "Her Majesty served the people of Australia, the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth with unfailing dignity, compassion, intelligence and grace over seven remarkable decades. Throughout that period, Australia has been very well served by, and owes much of its stability and prosperity to, the institutions and Westminster traditions of which Her Majesty has been a vital and wise custodian. On this sad day, the legal profession joins in mourning the death of Her Majesty and in offering our best wishes to her successor, King Charles III."

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About the ABA

The Australian Bar Association is the peak body representing nearly 6,000 barristers throughout Australia. Established in 1963, the ABA is committed to serving, promoting and representing its members, as well as advocating for fair and equal justice for all.

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