



MEDIA RELEASE | NEW LAWCOVER CHAIR APPOINTED

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Lawcover has announced the appointment of Mr Peter Harmer as non-executive Chair of the Lawcover Group of companies, effective 30th September 2021.

Mr Harmer has more than 40 years of experience in the Australian and international insurance and financial sectors. He served as the Chief Executive Officer of Insurance Australia Group (IAG), CGU Insurance, Aon Limited UK, Aon Risk Services (APAC), and Aon Re Australia.

He was also Chair of Aon Re Australia and the London Market Reform Group. In addition to Lawcover Insurance, Mr Harmer is a non-executive director of the Commonwealth Bank of Australia, AUB Group and NIB Group.

Lawcover CEO Kerrie Lalich welcomed Mr Harmer's appointment.

"Peter brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to Lawcover, both as a senior executive and a non-executive director," Ms Lalich said. "He is well placed to help us build on the substantial achievements of retiring Chair Duncan West, as we continue our work on behalf of the legal profession."

Of his appointment, Mr Harmer said "I am delighted to be joining the Board of Lawcover, who I have always admired as a focused, highly professional business serving the risk management and insurance needs of its customers. I'm looking forward to working with fellow directors and management as we continue to build on the impressive foundations that have already been laid."

Mr Harmer replaces Mr West who was appointed a director of Lawcover in 2012 and has been Chair of the Board since 2016, a period of both change and consolidation for Lawcover, with a strong focus on customer service, operational efficiencies and capital management.

Mr West said it had been a privilege to have served on the Lawcover Board for the past nine years.

"Lawcover is a fantastic company which is committed to supporting a robust and growing legal profession in New South Wales and beyond" Mr West said.

"I would like to thank my fellow directors and the management and staff of Lawcover for their dedication and support. After more than nine years as a director of Lawcover and five of those in the Chair, I am delighted to welcome Peter to the Board and into the Chair. Peter is an outstanding insurance executive with a deep focus on customers and innovation which will be a real asset for Lawcover in the coming years."

Lawcover Insurance provides professional indemnity insurance to law practices in NSW, NT and the ACT and a number of national law firms. It is a wholly owned but independent subsidiary of the Law Society of New South Wales.

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