



MEDIA RELEASE

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Doctor Patrick Power SC has indicated today that he will enter a plea of guilty to one count of possession of child pornography in the Downing Centre Local Court. This offence carries a maximum sentence of two years imprisonment upon summary conviction.

The matter is being prosecuted by NSW Police and has been adjourned to 24 April 2007.

In July 2006 Dr Power voluntarily stood down from his position as a Deputy Senior Crown Prosecutor.

The position of Crown Prosecutor is a statutory appointment regulated by the Crown Prosecutors Act 1986. Crown Prosecutors may be removed from office by the Governor in the circumstances described in Section 9 (2) and (3) of the Act, including for misbehavior or upon conviction of a criminal offence that is punishable by imprisonment for 12 months or more.

This afternoon the Director of Public Prosecutions Nicholas Cowdery AM QC announced that action is being taken to address Dr Power's employment situation. This was unable to be commenced before today's court proceedings.

Further details regarding Dr Power's status will be made available in due course.