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Crown Prosecutor Alex Clout

Police have confirmed to the Director of Public Prosecutions that the body of Crown Prosecutor, Alex Clout, has been recovered about three kilometres downstream from the site where his motor vehicle was discovered on Sunday.

Mr Clout had apparently set off on a camping expedition in the Barrington Tops region late on Thursday afternoon. His car was found in a flooded river in the Barrington Tops region, about 100 metres downstream from a causeway crossing. It is believed that Mr Clout had attempted to drive across the causeway and either was swept away from the vehicle or left his vehicle when it became submerged and was then swept downriver.

Mr Clout's body was recovered by police on Monday afternoon. His death was the result of a tragic accident.

Mr Clout was 55. He left the private bar to join the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions as a Crown Prosecutor in 2002. He is survived by his life partner and three adult children.

The Director of Public Prosecutions, Nicholas Cowdery AM QC, has issued the following statement:

"Alex Clout practised as a Crown Prosecutor at our Dubbo, Campbelltown and Parramatta offices for six years. He was a fine prosecutor who was well respected by ODP staff and his fellow Crown Prosecutors. The circumstances of his death have brought us great sadness.

"Alex worked on many difficult criminal cases and was known for his determination and focus and his attention to the needs of victims of crime. He served the state of NSW and its people with intelligence and integrity.

"Alex's family is understandably devastated and the Office extends to them our condolences and support in this difficult time."