



For immediate release

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Jeff NEEDS Justice calls on Mr Babb to allow fair appeal with full disclosure

Key Points

- Mr Lloyd Babb this week begins his ten-year appointment as the NSW Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP).
- In an open letter, the *Jeff NEEDS Justice* team has congratulated Mr Babb on his appointment, and has called on him to take a *model litigant* approach in the preparations for and conduct of Jeff Gilham's upcoming appeal.
- The model litigant approach is an obligation generally recognised in *civil* legal proceedings involving government agencies, requiring them to act with fairness, openness, timeliness and integrity. This is in contrast to the usual or expected *adversarial* nature of court proceedings, in which both sides attempt to win their arguments *at all costs*.
- The fresh evidence to be presented in the appeal is significant and compelling, and will demonstrate Jeff Gilham's innocence.
- We are requesting that the office of the DPP *not* resort to further legal technical arguments and courtroom tactics to block or delay full, fair and open treatment by the Court of Criminal Appeal, and to provide full and timely disclosure of all evidence relevant to the case.
- In its letter, the Jeff NEEDS Justice team also called upon Mr Babb to support any application for bail sought by Jeff Gilham pending the appeal.
- The open letter to Mr Babb is attached.
The appeal will be back before the court on October 18 for mention only, with the appeal hearing due to commence November 28, 2011.

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About *Jeff NEEDS Justice*

The **Jeff NEEDS Justice** team is a group of supporters of Jeff Gilham, who has been wrongly convicted of the murder of his parents, Helen and Steve Gilham. We are committed to seeing his conviction and life sentence overturned and his name cleared. Our aim is to bring Jeff home to his young family and return him to his productive life in our community.

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