

Media Release

Appointment of Executive Director, Operations

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Following a competitive selection process, NSW Crime Commissioner Michael Barnes has announced the appointment of Darren Bennett to the role of Executive Director, Operations. The role will provide strategic leadership of Criminal Investigations and Strategic Intelligence and Capabilities. Darren will commence formally in the role from Monday, 1 April 2024.

Darren has been seconded to the NSW Crime Commission in the role of Executive Director, Criminal Investigations Division since May 2022.

Commissioner Michael Barnes said:

“His performance in the (secondment) role has been outstanding. We are very fortunate to have secured his services.”

Darren brings a wealth of experience from a 35-year career in the NSW Police Force. Prior to his secondment to the NSW Crime Commission, he was Director at the State Crime Command. He is an experienced and recognised expert in counter terrorism and organised crime investigations. Darren has been a commander in numerous local area commands, police area commands and run various specialist squads. Darren is highly regarded by senior law enforcement leaders around the country.

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