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The Honourable Richard Tracey AM RFD QC

The Minister for Health, Greg Hunt, and the Minister for Aged Care and Senior Australians, Richard Colbeck, have paid tribute to the Honourable Richard Tracey AM RFD QC, who passed away on Friday, 11 October.

Commissioner Tracey was one of three Commissioners presiding over the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety – and was the Commission’s Chair.

“We wish to acknowledge the professionalism, compassion and leadership demonstrated by Commissioner Tracey in his work on this important Royal Commission,” the Ministers said.

“Commissioner Tracey travelled widely to hear evidence from across the country and his work will play an integral role in the Royal Commission’s recommendations.”

Prior to his appointment to the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety, Commissioner Tracey was a judge of the Federal Court of Australia, the President of the Defence Force Discipline Appeal Tribunal, and Judge Advocate General of the Australian Defence Force. Commissioner Tracey also served in the Australian Army, achieving the rank of Major-General.

Minister Hunt and Minister Colbeck extended their deepest sympathies to Commissioner Tracey’s family at this difficult time.

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