



MR. HIEU VAN LE
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

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Mr Hieu Van Le (pronounced *Hugh Van Lee*) was sworn in as the Lieutenant Governor of South Australia on 31 August 2007.

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The Role of the Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor is appointed by The Queen on the advice of the Premier of South Australia. Appointment as Lieutenant Governor of itself confers no powers or functions. Pending the appointment of a Governor or in the event of the Governor's absence from the State or incapacity, the official functions of Governor would be performed by the Lieutenant Governor acting either as Administrator or the Governor's Deputy, depending on the circumstances. If expecting to be unavailable for a short period only, the Governor with the consent of the Premier usually commissions the Lieutenant Governor to act as Deputy for the Governor, performing some or all of the powers and functions of the Governor. If the Lieutenant Governor were unable to act, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court usually would become Administrator or Governor's Deputy. In South Australia, the Chief Justice traditionally held the position of Lieutenant Governor, until the appointment of Dr Bray as Chief Justice in 1967, when his predecessor Sir Mellis Napier continued in the post until 1973.

Previous Lieutenant Governors:

Mr Bruno Krumins AM	Governor's Deputy 31 July to 31 August 2007 May 2000 - August 2007
The Honourable Dr Basil Hetzel AC	April 1992 - May 2000
The Honourable Sir Condor Laucke KCMG	July 1982 - April 1992
Sir Walter Crocker KBE	September 1973 - June 1982
The Honourable Sir Mellis Napier KCMG	February 1967 - September 1973