



# COAG Health Council

meeting as the Australian Health Workforce Ministerial Council

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## **Health Ministers announce appointments to the Management Committee of the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency**

The Australian Health Workforce Ministerial Council (the Ministerial Council) is very pleased to announce new appointments and reappointments of members to the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation (AHPRA) Agency Management Committee.

The vacancies arose as a result of the scheduled expiry of members' terms and are made in accordance with the *Health Practitioner Regulation National Law Act* as in force in each state and territory.

The Ministerial Council acknowledged the high standard of applications received. Two sitting members have been reappointed and two new members have been appointed to this important committee. A short biography of each member is attached to this communiqué.

The new terms of appointment are as follows:

- Ms Barbara Yeoh has been reappointed as a member with expertise in health, business and administration, and governance for three years from 15 June 2017.
- Ms Jenny Taing has been reappointed as a member with expertise in health, business and administration, governance expertise for three years from 15 June 2017.

The Ministerial Council expressed thanks for the highly valued contribution of the reappointed members.

The new members are:

- Dr Susan Young has been appointed as member with expertise in health, education and training, governance, regulation and accreditation for three years from 14 June 2017.
- Ms Philippa Smith AM has been appointed as member with business and administration, regulation and accreditation expertise for three years from 15 June 2017.

Ministers welcomed Dr Young and Ms Smith and wished them well over the coming years in strengthening and guiding the work of AHPRA in further embedding the safe delivery of the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme, for the benefit of all Australians.

Ministers also thanked retiring Agency Management Committee members, Professor Marilyn Walton AM (an inaugural member appointed in 2009) and Mr David Taylor (appointed in 2014) for sharing their expertise in business and administration, and for their contributions to the National Scheme.

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## **ATTACHMENT A**

### **Information on members of the Agency Management Committee**

#### **New appointments**

##### **Dr Susan Young, Queensland**

Dr Young is a registered nurse and midwife with expertise in health, education and training, governance, regulation and accreditation. She was the Chair of the Queensland Board of the Medical Board of Australia until December 2016. She fulfilled positions within the tertiary setting until July 2015, with appointments as a Director of Teaching and Learning, and as a Program Director in the School of Nursing and Midwifery at The University of Queensland. Prior to her appointment within the tertiary sector, Dr Young held a number of executive positions within the public and private health care sectors in metropolitan, regional and rural settings. She holds a Doctorate in Education from the Queensland University of Technology and an Adjunct Professorial appointment from The University of Queensland.

##### **Ms Philippa Smith AM, New South Wales**

Ms Smith is a member with business and administration, regulation and accreditation expertise. She is currently a Director on the First State Super Board and was the Chair of the Board of Food Standards Australia New Zealand from 2008 to 2016. She has enjoyed an extensive and high profile career in consumer advocacy. She was the first woman and non-lawyer to be appointed as Commonwealth Ombudsman from 1993 to 1998. She was also appointed as the CEO of the Association of Superannuation Funds of Australia. Ms Smith was awarded a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) in 1992 for service to the community particularly for the formulation of social welfare policies.

#### **Reappointments**

##### **Ms Barbara Yeoh AM, Victoria**

Ms Yeoh is a member with expertise in health, education and training, and governance. She is also the current Chair of Monash Health and a Director of the Victorian State Emergency Service Authority. She has previously served on the Boards of Austin Health and Eastern Health in Victoria. She has over 25 years experience across a range of public and private sector agencies including in the health, education, finance, insurance, transport, technology and infrastructure sectors. Ms Yeoh has previously served as a Council Member and Deputy Chancellor at Latrobe University. She has maintained her interest in education through her position as a Principal Associate of Phillips KPA, specialist advisers to the education sector.

### **Ms Jenny Taing, Victoria**

Ms Taing is a member with expertise in health, business and administration, and governance. She is a senior lawyer with the Australian Securities and Investments Commission specialising in financial services, managed funds and superannuation law. She also serves as a board director of the Royal Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital and a board director at the Royal District Nursing Service. Ms Taing is also an advisory board member at the University of Melbourne, with the Centre for Advancing Journalism. Ms Taing has also previously served as a Commissioner at the Victorian Multicultural Commission. She was recognised in 2013 by CPA Australia as one of forty young business leaders for her work in corporate governance. Ms Taing holds a Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Laws (Honours) from the University of Melbourne and was Admitted to Supreme Court of Victoria in 2008. She is a graduate member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

### **Existing members**

#### **Mr Michael Gorton AM, Victoria**

Mr Michael Gorton is reappointed as the Chair of the Agency Management Committee. Mr Gorton was initially appointed to the Agency Management Committee in March 2009 as a member with business and administrative expertise. He was reappointed as the Chair of the Agency Management Committee in 2016. Mr Gorton is a commercial lawyer with considerable experience providing legal advice on medical registration, training, education and administrative practice. As a principal of Russell Kennedy Solicitors, he has significant experience in business management and administration. He is a Board member of Melbourne Health (Royal Melbourne Hospital). He is a former Chair of the Victorian Equal Opportunity & Human Rights Commission and former Chair of the Code of Conduct Committee of Medicines Australia. Mr Gorton is the Chair of the Patient Review Panel (Victoria) and chairs the Minister's Expert Panel to review health complaints legislation in Victoria. He has extensive experience in governance for a wide range of organisations including health and ethics committees. Mr Gorton holds a Bachelor of Laws and Bachelor of Commerce. In 2004, Mr Gorton received the Member of the Order of Australia (AM) for community service.

#### **Ms Karen Crawshaw PSM, New South Wales**

Ms Crawshaw of NSW Health holds Bachelor degrees in Arts and Law and was admitted to the NSW Supreme Court in 1979 and subsequently to the High Court. She holds an unrestricted practising certificate from the Law Society of NSW. Ms Crawshaw held legal positions in the State Crown Solicitor's Office and the Premier's Department prior to joining the NSW Department of Health's Legal Branch. In 2007, Ms Crawshaw was appointed Deputy Director-General, Health System Support. Following the implementation of the Governance Review in late 2011, Ms Crawshaw was reappointed as Deputy Director-General with responsibility for the Division of Governance, Workforce and Corporate Services. Her areas of accountability cover health workforce planning and industrial relations, business and asset services, communications, corporate governance, and legal and regulatory services. Ms Crawshaw was reappointed to the Agency Management Committee in 2016 as a member with expertise in health, business and administration.

### **Mr Ian Smith PSM, Western Australia**

Mr Smith is an experienced senior health official with a strong track record in delivering the full range of integrated health care services - acute care in hospitals, acute psychiatric mental health, community mental health, public health, community and allied health and aged care. During the past 17 years he has held various senior executive leadership roles in the Pilbara, Kimberley, South West and the Great Southern Regions of Western Australia. In January 2011 he was appointed as the Chief Executive Officer of the WA Country Health Service which is responsible for delivering the State Government funded public health services throughout rural and remote Western Australia. Mr Smith is reappointed to the Agency Management Committee as a member with expertise in health, business and administration. In 2014, Mr Smith was awarded the Public Service Medal for outstanding public service to the provision of health services in Western Australia over many years, particularly in rural and remote regions.

### **Dr Peggy Brown**

Dr Brown is a registered medical practitioner (psychiatrist) with over 30 years' experience in the Australian health sector. She has held senior clinical and administrative positions in the public health system including the position of Director- General of ACT Health from 2010 until 2015. Dr Brown is a former Chair of the Australian Health Ministers' Advisory Council and is well versed with the operational, legislative and policy aspects of the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme for health professions including the work of National Boards and the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency. Her extensive experience in the health sector also includes oversight of the psychiatry training program of the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists. Dr Brown is appointed as a member with expertise in health, education and training.