



# Media Release

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## **Announcement of the appointment of Mr Paul McDonald as Chief Executive Officer of Anglicare Victoria**

The Chairman of the Board of Anglicare Victoria, Mr Damian Neylon, today announced the appointment of Mr Paul McDonald to succeed Dr Ray Cleary AM as Chief Executive Officer of Anglicare Victoria.

Mr Neylon said "The Board conducted an extensive search to replace Ray Cleary following his ten years of service and Paul McDonald was chosen to succeed Ray on the basis of his range of experiences in both the community and the Victorian public sector."

Mr Neylon went on to say "Paul has a deep passion for community services work and at the age of 19 had the privilege of working with Mother Teresa in India.

"He has also spent time working with indigenous communities in Australia, inner City youth work, four years as Director of Drugs Policy and Services with the Department of Human Services, has led a number of community service organisations and more recently has been the Executive Director of the Children, Youth and Family Division of the Department of Human Services.

"His achievements include attracting significant increased funding for the Victorian Drugs Initiatives, child protection and family support and he has engaged in strategic planning for the ongoing partnership between the community sector and the Department of Human Services in Victoria.

"He brings to his new role as Chief Executive Officer a combination of experience as a senior leader in both the Government and non Government sectors.

"In announcing Paul McDonald's appointment, I am confident that Anglicare Victoria will continue to play a significant role in delivering services to children, young people and families throughout the State of Victoria and will maintain its strong faith based commitment and to the Anglican and wider community."

Mr McDonald said "Anglicare Victoria is a leading deliverer of welfare services in Victoria. It is also a prominent advocate in the sector. I am very excited by the opportunity to lead the agency and I look forward to meeting the challenges that lie ahead".

The new Chief Executive Officer will commence his role in early July 2010.

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