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**STATEMENT ON THE RESIGNATION OF VICTORIAN HEALTH
MINISTER JENNY MIKAKOS ATTRIBUTABLE TO PAT GARCIA, CHIEF
EXECUTIVE, CATHOLIC HEALTH AUSTRALIA**

On behalf of Catholic Health Australia I wish to thank Jenny Mikakos for her hard work under exceptionally difficult circumstances this year.

During her time as Victoria's Minister for Health, Ms Mikakos has consistently demonstrated genuine care and compassion for both those who use health services and those who provide them.

In particular, I thank her for her leadership during the initial stages of the pandemic where she, along with her federal and state colleagues, navigated a path which provided the not for profit hospital sector with the viability guarantee that ensured Victoria and other states maintained the hospital capacity necessary to deal with any potential future surges in COVID-19 infections.

COVID-19 represents an unprecedented challenge and the pandemic has been applying extreme pressure to Victorians everywhere.

I wish Ms Mikakos the very best in her future endeavours.