

Caritas Australia's statement on Caritas Internationalis being placed into temporary administration

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Earlier this year, the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development commissioned a review of the workplace environment of the Caritas Internationalis General Secretariat.

Following this review Caritas Internationalis has been placed into temporary administration with all current leadership appointments terminated due to staff allegations of unreasonable workplace culture. No allegations of sexual misconduct or financial mismanagement were made. This measure has no impact on the functioning of the Confederation's 162 independent member organisations and their humanitarian and development activities.

"The wellbeing of the staff of any organisation, including Caritas Internationalis is of the highest priority. Our Mission and work remain unchanged - to serve communities who are marginalised and vulnerable, partnering with them to end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity," said Kirsty Robertson, Caritas Australia's CEO.

Caritas Australia is an independently governed member of the Caritas Internationalis confederation, with an independent Board of Directors and governance structure. Caritas Australia's development and humanitarian work will not be impacted by these changes. The vital work that we do with vulnerable communities will continue without change or disruption.

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