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JASON KARA ANNOUNCED AS NEW CEO OF CATHOLIC HEALTH AUSTRALIA

Catholic Health Australia has announced the appointment of Jason Kara as its new Chief Executive Officer.

Mr Kara, who has worked as Director Aged Care at the peak advocacy body, will take on the role at a pivotal time for the care sector in Australia.

Catholic Health Australia Board Director, the Hon. John Watkins AM, said Jason's advocacy, policy and energy are an asset for the organisation.

"I am delighted to welcome Jason Kara as the new CEO of Catholic Health Australia," Mr Watkins said.

"Jason has been an outstanding advocate for Catholic aged care and the most vulnerable in society. He will bring his experience and compassionate advocacy to the broader health, aged and community care sectors."

Catholic Health Australia (CHA) is the largest non-government grouping of health, community, and aged care services in Australia accounting for approximately 10 per cent of hospital-based healthcare in Australia, 25 per cent of private hospital care, five per cent of public hospital care, 12 percent of aged care facilities, and 20 per cent of home care and support for the elderly.

Jason is a highly experienced policy professional who has taken on significant roles in in the public and not-for-profit sectors.

He has worked as a senior executive in the public service focusing on housing and homelessness outcomes; has volunteered as an advisor building capacity in the disability sector in Vanuatu; and has served as a senior advisor in the Office of the NSW Premier. He has also served as a Board Director for the Community Restorative Centre, a not-for-profit organisation tackling recidivism.

"Jason has fulfilled his current role with creativity and intelligence at a time of great change in the sector. He has built strong relationships across the CHA membership while advocating for a quality and sustainable aged care system," Mr Watkins said.

"The Board is pleased to appoint Jason to the role of CEO at a critical time for the care sector in Australia. He will continue to support our members to make a real difference to the lives of all in the community, but especially the poor, the vulnerable and the marginalised."

Jason commenced duties on Tuesday 3 October.

A photo of Mr Kara is available for download here