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## **Peak advocacy body appoints new Board Directors**

Three new directors have joined the Board of Catholic Health Australia (CHA), further strengthening the governance of the peak body which represents the largest group of non-government hospitals, aged care and community care service providers in Australia.

Francis Price (Chair, Southern Cross Care Queensland), Sylvia Falzon (Chair, Cabrini Health) and Patrick Brady (Chair, Mater Misericordiae Limited) bring considerable experience to the CHA Board as Chairs of their respective hospitals and aged care providers.

CHA Chair Jenny Parker welcomed the appointments, saying Francis, Sylvia and Patrick would help broaden discussions at the Board table on how we deliver our services.

“Our mission is to achieve a more viable, equitable and robust healthcare system and deliver compassionate care to those who need it most,” Ms Parker said.

“Southern Cross Care are leaders in delivering aged care and home services to regional Australians. Cabrini offer a comprehensive range of acute, rehabilitation, palliative care, mental health and homecare services, and Mater are renowned for their maternity services, with one in five babies in Queensland born at one of their hospitals.

“During this period of challenge and change across the sector, it’s important that the many issues facing our members are kept at the forefront of policy makers’ minds through the leadership and advocacy work of Catholic Health Australia and its Board.”

CHA represents more than 80 public and private hospitals and 350 aged care facilities, or 12 per cent of all aged care facilities across Australia. This includes more than 27,000 residential aged care beds and around 20 per cent of home care and support services for the elderly.

Mr Price joined the CHA Board in February as a representative of Southern Cross Care Australia and will serve a three-year term.

Ms Falzon has also been appointed to a three-year term and Mr Brady will fill a casual vacancy until the CHA Annual General Meeting in September.

Ms Parker also thanked Bradley Prentice, Chair of Southern Cross Care Western Australia, for his services as a director over the past three years.

The CHA Board will now comprise of fourteen directors.

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