

# Media Release

**The Hon Richard Wynne MP**  
Minister for Planning  
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## **NEW CHIEF COMMISSIONER FOR THE VICTORIAN BUILDING AUTHORITY**

The Victorian Government has appointed Michelle McLean Chief Commissioner at the Victorian Building Authority.

Ms McLean is the first woman to lead the Authority and is an experienced Board Director and an expert in finance, governance and people management.

She is Deputy Chair of the Country Fire Authority and Chair of its Finance, Audit and Risk Committee, and currently serves as a non-executive Director on the boards of East Gippsland Water and FrontierSI.

From 1995 to 2018, Ms McLean was an executive and managing partner of Cornwall Stodart Lawyers, where she held several roles, including Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer.

Ms McLean is a life member of the Australian Legal Practice Management Association, where she served as national president from 2002 to 2005.

She also served on the executive council of the Victorian Chamber of Commerce and Industry and as a Board member of the Mercy Health Foundation.

Planning Minister Richard Wynne thanked interim Chief Commissioner Justin Madden AM for his leadership of the VBA following the retirement of former Chief Commissioner Dr Owen Donald in January.

The VBA regulates the building and construction industry to keep Victorians safe. Its functions include registering and licensing building practitioners and plumbers, monitoring and enforcing building and plumbing standards, and performing inspections and audits of building and plumbing work across Victoria.

### **Quotes attributable to Minister for Planning Richard Wynne**

*“Victoria’s building and plumbing industry is evolving rapidly and Michelle McLean’s experience across the business, finance and government sectors makes her the ideal person to lead the VBA.”*

*“I thank Justin Madden for his ongoing enthusiasm and years of industry experience, which laid a solid foundation for this transition.”*

### **Quotes attributable to VBA Chief Executive Officer Sue Eddy**

*“The VBA is central to the successful operation of the building and plumbing industries and the Chief Commissioner’s role is vital to that success.”*

*“I very much look forward to working closely with Michelle as we continue to boost our enforcement efforts and drive change in the building and plumbing industries to help protect consumers and keep industry thriving.”*

### **Quote attributable to VBA Chief Commissioner Michelle McLean**

*“I’m extremely honoured to be appointed Chief Commissioner of the VBA. Construction will play a central role in the economic recovery from coronavirus and the VBA will be there to help keep industry safe.”*