

Media Release

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NEW APPOINTMENTS TO FRV STRATEGIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Victorian Government has announced a team of six experienced individuals to lead the new Fire Rescue Victoria (FRV) Strategic Advisory Committee, ensuring that FRV is best placed to deliver on the intent of the fire services reforms.

Minister for Police and Emergency Services Lisa Neville today congratulated Dr David Hayward, Ms Tasneem Chopra OAM, Mr Mark Dixon, Ms Tina Hosseini, Ms Patricia Malowney OAM and Mr Gregory Sword AM on their new appointments with FRV.

The Strategic Advisory Committee will provide strategic advice to FRV on matters such as organisational governance, cultural change, workforce diversity and flexibility, emerging opportunities and future direction.

The six inaugural appointees bring strong and diverse experience from various areas and regions across Victoria and each have a strong commitment to fire and rescue services, including performance and culture.

Dr David Hayward is Emeritus Professor of Public Policy at RMIT University and a highly experienced leader in advising government and industry in the areas of research, public policy and economics.

Tasneem Chopra is a driver of leadership transformation, workforce inclusivity and community and stakeholder engagement throughout Australia. Through her consultancy she provides services across cultural competency, anti-racism and intersectionality strategies to clients in government, business and media.

Mark Dixon is an established regional leader in governance, culture and organisation change management with national and international experience in operational leadership.

Tina Hosseini is an experienced advocate for culturally and linguistically diverse communities, current Commissioner for the Victorian Multicultural Commission, and a research fellow for the Centre for Forensic Behavioural Science (CFBS), Swinburne University of Technology.

Patricia Malowney has substantial experience in providing strategic advice to government on access and inclusion and is the President of Women with Disabilities Australia.

Gregory Sword is an experienced senior leader in organisational management, audit, risk and workplace issues and is currently a Board Member of Vic Forests. He is a former member of the Metropolitan Fire Brigade (MFB) Board and Chaired MFB's Audit, Risk and Compliance Committee.

All appointees will begin their roles in the FRV Strategic Advisory Committee this week.

Quote attributable to Minister for Police and Emergency Services Lisa Neville

"The experience these six individuals will bring to the Strategic Advisory Committee covers a wide range of functions and qualifications and Fire Rescue Victoria will greatly benefit from their expertise and knowledge. I congratulate them all on their well-deserved appointments."

Quote attributable to Fire Rescue Commissioner Ken G. Block

"It is with great anticipation that I welcome the inaugural Strategic Advisory Committee members to FRV. The extensive experience, qualifications, knowledge, and ability that this diverse group offers will benefit FRV greatly."

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