

Statement

The Hon Daniel Andrews MP
Premier



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PROF EUAN WALLACE TO LEAD HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Professor Euan Wallace AM has been appointed as the Secretary for the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), commencing in the role from Tuesday November 17.

Prof Wallace brings significant experience across public administration, healthcare governance and clinical improvement.

Most recently Prof Wallace has been serving as Deputy Secretary at DHHS, jointly responsible for case management, contact tracing and outbreak management. He has performed these duties on secondment from his role as CEO of Safer Care Victoria.

He is an academic obstetrician and gynecologist by training. He has more than a decade of experience in healthcare governance and clinical improvement and is also a Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Monash University.

Prof Wallace is a widely respected leader in the health sector and is well placed to lead the department through its next phase of pandemic response and recovery.

Kym Peake who has served in the role for the last five years has decided to step down from the position to pursue other opportunities.

Ms Peake has led significant reform that has touched the lives of many Victorians including the relief and recovery from recent bushfires, the establishment of the Mental Health Royal Commission, and the delivery of many of the recommendations from the Family Violence Royal Commission.

We thank Ms Peake for her dedicated service to Victoria and for her tireless commitment throughout the pandemic and her time with DHHS. We wish her well for the future.