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Appointment of charity champions welcomed

Rev Tim Costello, CCA Chair and CEO of World Vision said *'The Community Council for Australia welcomes the appointment of Mr David Crosbie to the new Australian Charities and Not-for-profit Commission Advisory Board. Mr Crosbie is a respected leader in the not-for-profit sector and has proven to be a strong and capable advocate for the not-for-profit sector. His appointment is a testimony both to his skills and experience, and to the important work of CCA'*

Rev Costello also welcomed all the other appointments to what he described as *'an important body that will provide advice to Australia's new independent regulator for all Australian charities.'*

Rev Costello was speaking following today's announcement by Minister Mark Butler and Assistant Treasurer David Bradbury of the inaugural appointments to the ACNC Advisory Board.

Mr Crosbie said he felt privileged to be able to serve on the new ACNC Advisory Board, especially in this critical establishment phase.

'This is an exciting and challenging time in changing the way governments do business with the not-for-profit sector. Susan Pascoe, the ACNC Commissioner, Robert Fitzgerald, and the other members of the Advisory Board make up a formidable team. It is a great honor to be chosen to work with them to serve the not-for-profit sector. The challenge for all of us is to ensure the ACNC delivers real benefits to the broader not-for-profit sector,' said David Crosbie, the CEO of CCA.

Mr Crosbie pointed out that the charities and not-for-profit sector is critical, not only employing one million Australians and turning over more than \$100 billion each year, but also providing the support that enables our communities to be strong and resilient even in tough times.

Toby Hall, CEO of Mission Australia said; *'if we are going to support our not-for-profit sector, we need to get the regulatory and taxation environment right. This new ACNC Advisory Board must lead the way in ensuring there is less compliance and red tape imposed on the charities and the not-for-profit sector. They are good people, but they face some real barriers from a broad range of regulators, including State and Federal bureaucracies.'*

For more details on the members and role of the ACNC Advisory Board please see:

http://www.acnc.gov.au/ACNC/About_ACNC/Corporate_info/ACNC_advisory/ACNC/Edu/Advis_Board.aspx

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