

Media Release

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Former Auditor General Colin Murphy joins APESB

The Accounting Professional & Ethical Standards Board (APESB) is pleased to announce the appointment of Colin Murphy as a director to the Board.

Mr Murphy is the former Auditor General for Western Australia, where he served the Parliament of Western Australia for more than 11 years. In his role as the independent Auditor General, he reported to Parliament on a range of issues, recommending improvements in governance and public administration and implementing a number of innovations in the development of standards and processes.

Since his retirement from this position in May 2018, he has maintained an active role in professional, governance and advisory activities. Mr Murphy also served as a board member of the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board (AUASB) for nine years, where he led the Project Advisory Group that was instrumental in the development of a new Performance Auditing Standard for Australia.

Mr Murphy is a fellow member of CPA Australia and, in the past has served as a Divisional President in Western Australia and as a member of the National Board. He received CPA Australia's President's Award and a Meritorious Service Award and was also awarded the Public Service Medal (PSM) in the 2010 Australia Day Honours.

In welcoming Mr Murphy to the Board, APESB Chair, Ms Nancy Milne OAM, acknowledged he would bring extensive experience in finance and government to the director role.

"I am pleased to welcome Colin to the APESB Board. Colin's experience with complex government departments and his various roles leading innovative processes will further strengthen and support the Board in developing robust professional and ethical standards." Ms Milne said.

Mr Murphy will replace outgoing director, Mr John Cahill, whose tenure will conclude on 30 April 2020. APESB Chair, Nancy Milne OAM, said, "John has been a director for over six years and has brought a CFO's perspective to the development of pronouncements. On behalf of the Board, I thank him for his service and valuable work contributions to the APESB and wish him all the best for the future."

Mr Murphy's appointment is effective 1 May 2020.

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Notes to Editors: APESB is the National Standards Setter that sets the code of ethics and professional standards by which members of Australia's three major professional accounting bodies (CPA Australia, Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand and the Institute of Public Accountants) are required to abide.

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