

## Media release

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## Mental Health Coordinating Council commences search for new CEO

Mental Health Coordinating Council CEO Carmel Tebbutt has announced she will be resigning from her position with the peak body.

In her five years as CEO of Mental Health Coordinating Council Ms Tebbutt has been a champion for community mental health organisations.

Ms Tebbutt has led projects to strengthen the evidence base underpinning advocacy for the sector, established strong connections between the sector and key decision makers, raised the profile and challenges facing community mental health, lobbied for needed mental health reforms and supported member organisations throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ms Tebbutt said it has been a great opportunity to work with energetic mental health organisations who make a tangible and meaningful difference in the lives of people with mental health conditions.

"Leaving Mental Health Coordinating Council is not a decision I have taken lightly. It has been a privilege to lead the organisation and support and advocate for community mental health organisations, but the time has come for a new challenge," Ms Tebbutt said.

"There are many challenges ahead for the sector, but I know the peak body is well placed to continue supporting the sector to respond to the issues of the future."

Ms Tebbutt will continue as CEO until mid-June and will work with the Board to ensure a smooth transition to a new CEO. The search for a new CEO is now underway, through Oryx People.

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