

# Media Release

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## Plumbing industry leader appointed to VBA Board

Longstanding and highly respected plumbing and fire protection industry leader Carmel Coate has been appointed a Commissioner of the Victorian Building Authority (VBA) Board.

In announcing Ms Coate's appointment, VBA Chief Commissioner Dr Owen Donald, said the new Commissioner brought extensive experience in the plumbing sector to the role, having been National Executive Director of the National Fire Industry Association (NFIA) for 30 years and a member of the Plumbing Advisory Council (PAC) for the past 16 years.

"Carmel is well known and highly respected throughout the plumbing industry and it is anticipated her knowledge of, and experience in, the industry will be of great value to the VBA Board," Dr Donald said.

"An important part of the experience and expertise Carmel brings is in industry training. She is Chair of Fire Industry Training Ltd, an industry-owned training organisation, and in November 2017 she took up the role of Chair of the Plumbing Industry Climate Action Centre (PICAC), the industry-led training facility in Brunswick."

Ms Coate has strong experience in project leadership and team management, business planning and systems implementation. Her extensive CV sets out a range of positions on boards, committees and advisory groups in the plumbing, fire protection and industry training sectors. In addition, Ms Coate is a member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

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