



**Dominic Perrottet**  
Treasurer

## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **JOHN ROBERTSON APPOINTED NEW CHAIR OF ICARE**

NSW Treasurer Dominic Perrottet today announced John Robertson will be the new Chair of Insurance and Care NSW (icare) replacing Michael Carapiet from Friday, 25 September.

The appointment of Mr Robertson is part of a transition of the icare Board, with Deputy Chair Gavin Bell also retiring.

“John’s appointment is a big boost for icare, and marks a significant change at what is a crucial time for the organisation,” Mr Perrottet said.

“He is widely respected in the community, with extensive experience in politics, the union movement, workers’ compensation, business, and most recently as Chief Operating Officer of charity Food Bank.”

Mr Perrottet also announced the fast-tracking of the *State Insurance and Care Governance Act 2015 Review*, to be headed by The Hon. Robert McDougall QC, with a report due in April.

#### **The Treasurer has outlined a list of key priorities for Mr Robertson, including:**

- A refresh of the icare Board and leading the recruitment of a new CEO.
- Ensuring full co-operation with Robert McDougall to allow the independent review to be delivered by April 30, 2021.
- Improving return to work rates for the Nominal Insurer.
- Providing monthly updates on the Pre-injury Average Weekly Earnings remediation program, which is currently underway, to re-pay injured workers.
- Undertaking an immediate review of icare’s bonus and remuneration framework. A decision has already been taken that there will be no bonuses for the year ending June 30, 2020.
- Ensuring no overseas travel by icare staff unless approved by the Board.
- Overseeing the independent cultural review of the organisation, which has already commenced.
- Monthly updates on meetings with the regulator SIRA to address any issues.

Mr Robertson said he was looking forward to leading the Board of icare, and ensuring it delivered on its core promise of protecting and supporting injured workers.

“I have always been a huge advocate for helping those doing it tough and protecting people who are most at need in the community,” Mr Robertson said.

“Helping lead and reshape icare is an important role, it’s something I am passionate about, and am very honored to be entrusted with the task.”

Mr Perrottet said the retirement of Mr Carapiet and Mr Bell, and the recent resignation of Mark Lennon, combined with the end of term for several other Board members in February, would ensure a major renewal.

“This represents the biggest change for icare since it was created in 2015,” Mr Perrottet.

“I wish Michael, Gavin and Mark the very best for the future and thank them for their contribution during what has been a significant period of transformation over the past decade.”

The terms of reference for the McDougall Review are [available here](#).

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