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MEDIA RELEASE

Australian Council of Recycling (ACOR) appoints new Chief Executive Officer

The President of the Australian Council of Recycling (ACOR), Mr Peter Tamblyn, today announced the appointment of Mr Cameron O'Reilly as the organisation's new Chief Executive Officer effective from 18 January, 2021.

Mr O'Reilly will replace Mr Pete Shmigel who earlier this month announced his departure from the role after three successful years in which ACOR has influenced a range of positive developments in the recycling sector, culminating this month in passage of the Recycling and Waste Reduction Bill 2020 by the Federal Parliament.

The new Chief Executive has most recently been an Executive Director and Principal Energy Advisor in the Energy, Climate Change & Sustainability (ECCS) directorate of the NSW Department of Planning, Industry & Environment (DPIE).

As well as having experience in government and policy development at both a state and national level, Mr O'Reilly has spent over a decade in Chief Executive roles in industry bodies covering the energy and aged care sectors.

Mr O'Reilly is also a former Fulbright Professional Scholar and in 2009 undertook a comparative public policy study of the impact of emissions reduction policies on the energy generation sectors of the United States and Australia.

Mr Tamblyn said the board of ACOR were delighted to have attracted a candidate of Cameron's credentials and experience and believed it reflected the growing importance of recycling and the circular economy to Australia's economic and environmental future.

Mr O'Reilly said it was an exciting time to be joining the recycling sector as the circular economy was becoming a priority policy area for all governments in Australia.

"Recycling and the circular economy had the potential to deliver an immediate boost to jobs, the environment and economic recovery as Australia comes out of the COVID-19 economic downturn."

"The key to unlocking the immediate and long-term economic, emissions and environmental benefits of the circular economy was a stable, supportive and bipartisan approach to policy, something I intend to pursue on behalf of ACOR members", Mr O'Reilly said.

Established in 1983, ACOR is the leading national industry association for the recycling and resource recovery sector in Australia. It represents over 50 businesses operating in the \$15 billion recycling industry which employs over 50,000 Australians.

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