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New CEO for Palliative Care Australia

Palliative Care Australia (PCA) is pleased to announce the appointment of Ms Liz Callaghan as the organisation's new chief executive officer.

Ms Callaghan is currently Director, Strategic Policy for Catholic Health Australia. She has previously held roles in the South Australian and Victorian Departments of Health, Metropolitan Domiciliary Care, the Australian Council on Healthcare Standards and the Department of Management at RMIT University Melbourne.

'Liz has significant policy, leadership and management experience in the not-for-profit and government sectors,' said Professor Patsy Yates, president of Palliative Care Australia.

'Her skills and experience will be of great benefit to Palliative Care Australia and further our aim of ensuring quality care at the end of life for all Australians.'

Ms Callaghan has qualifications in Nursing, holds a Bachelor of Social Work, a Graduate Diploma in Human Services Research, Monitoring and Evaluation and a Master's Degree in Public Policy and Management. She has edited and contributed to two books: *Determining the Future: A Fair Go and Health for All* and *Exploring the Connections: Catholic Social Teaching and the Social Determinants of Health*.

'Liz has a strong vision and commitment to palliative care and issues associated with social determinants of health. The Board is very pleased to welcome her to the PCA team,' said Professor Yates.

'The Board would also like to acknowledge the contributions of Ms Rita Evans as interim CEO. Rita's expertise in palliative care and her personal qualities have been very much appreciated during this transition time.'

Ms Callaghan will commence in her new role from Monday 27 October, 2014.

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