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DFSV CEO announces her retirement

The DFSV Chair, Dr Anne Astin (PSM), has announced that CEO, Amanda Hill, will retire in April 2023. Amanda has made an invaluable contribution to the Victorian dairy industry, as well as the national and international food safety operating environment.

DFSV services are critical to ensure the quality and safety of dairy food products in Victoria. DFSV fulfils this critical public health service by regulating the Victorian dairy industry to safeguard public health. Amongst Amanda's many achievements is conceiving, establishing and implementing the *Dairy RegTech* Program that has seen a transformation in traditional compliance approaches for Victoria's dairy industry.

Dairy RegTech demonstrates DFSV's and the dairy industry's joint ownership of regulatory requirements, where culture, behaviours, and pragmatism work in parallel with data to inform and shape a new way of regulation.

One of Amanda's key strength's is her stakeholder engagement, consultation, and management.

In 2020, Amanda's achievements were recognised through an award from the Institute of Public Administration Australia (Victoria) as one of the top 50 public sector women.

The Board will commence an external recruitment process for a new CEO immediately. Andrew Wilson - General Manager, Compliance, Enforcement and Technical Services - will be appointed as interim CEO.

Given the critical public health services DFSV provides, the DFSV Board is confident this focus will remain during the coming months.

Following her retirement, Amanda will provide strategic advice to the DFSV Board on a parttime basis for 6 months.

The DFSV Board and team congratulate Amanda on her achievements at DFSV and wish her all the best for the future.

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