

Media release

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New CEO for DFSV

Chairman, Grant Davies, today announced the appointment of Jennifer McDonald as the new CEO of Dairy Food Safety Victoria.

In welcoming Ms McDonald to DFSV, Mr Davies said 'that a seamless transition will be assured with DFSV being transferred from one pair of safe hands to another'.

Ms McDonald has extensive experience in public service, from health and community services roles across a number of local government authorities and with the state government, to food safety delivery and development of regulatory policy.

She first worked in the food safety field as the manager responsible for food regulation and population health at the then Victorian Department of Human Services. During her time at DHS Ms McDonald played an active role in representing Victoria at the national level and developing collaboration between the agencies delivering food safety in Victoria. She then moved to the Commonwealth to perform a similar role taking her representative duties to the international level.

After returning to Melbourne Ms McDonald moved to a position with the Victorian Department of Health, taking responsibility for regulatory policy including regulation of private health services and health practitioners.

'I am very much looking forward to being involved in the delivery of food safety services in such an important industry' Ms McDonald said. 'The central importance of food safety to not only consumers in Australia but also in access to overseas markets makes this a very exciting place to be'.

Ms McDonald will begin her new role in late-January 2014.

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