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SYDNEY DESALINATION PLANT APPOINTS PATRICIA MCKENZIE AS CHAIR

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The Board of Sydney Desalination Plant (SDP), announced today the appointment of Patricia McKenzie as its new Chair, effective immediately.

Ms McKenzie has more than 35 years' experience in the Australian energy and infrastructure sector with a particular focus on industry governance, market design and regulatory reform.

She is a highly experienced Chair and non-executive director in the energy, health, government, and welfare sectors, and is currently serving as Chair of NSW Ports, and as a director at AGL Energy Limited and The Housing Connection.

Ms McKenzie was previously a director of the APA Group, Chair of Essential Energy and Healthdirect Australia Limited, and a director of Transgrid, Macquarie Generation and the Australian Energy Market Operator. She was CEO of Gas Market Company Limited.

Announcing the appointment, the Chief Executive Officer of SDP, Philip Narezzi, said Ms McKenzie brought to the job significant experience as a non-executive director, with extensive knowledge of and connections in, the wider infrastructure sector.

"On behalf of the Board and the management team, I welcome Patricia to SDP at a crucial time in the management of water resources in NSW, with many parts of the State still gripped by drought and water restrictions," Mr Narezzi said. "Her experience as a non-executive director and her expertise will be a great asset to our organisation."

Ms McKenzie said she was pleased to join SDP as its new Chair, adding:

"SDP is an integral part of Sydney's water management system, making an important contribution to the water needs and expectations of millions of households and businesses in the metropolitan area.

"I look forward to working with the NSW State Government and its agencies to ensure SDP continues to supply drinking water to Sydney, not just during periods of extreme drought but as part of an integrated, world-class water management and delivery system."

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