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NHMRC CEO Appointment a Step in the Right Direction

Complementary Medicines Australia (CMA) welcomes today's announcement by the Minister for Health, the Hon Sussan Ley MP, that Professor Anne Kelso AO has been appointed as the new CEO of the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC).

Mr Carl Gibson, chief executive of CMA, noted that the appointment was a commendable step in driving the agenda of the NHMRC.

"Professor Kelso brings a wealth of experience and dedication to the health and medical research sector and to the position. Research is at the cornerstone of fostering good health and preventing disease, and as such is an essential component of the complementary medicines industry. We are sure, under the leadership of Professor Kelso, the NHMRC will continue to uphold its key priorities of setting high ethical standards and authentic collaboration," said Mr Gibson.

"With Professor Kelso set to take the reins at NHMRC in April, CMA looks forward to mature health and research policy discourse in relation to complementary medicines, and is keen to work with Professor Kelso and her team to significantly, and in a cost effective manner, contribute to quality research that improves the population health outcomes of the nation."

"The Australian complementary medicines industry continues to invest in clinical trials, building on a growing evidence base, which is a remarkable achievement given the lack of IP protection currently afforded to those investing in this field. Continuing government support is needed to ensure the sustainability of this vital work, and the NHMRC will play a great role in encouraging this research."

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