**Communiqué**

**7 June 2021**

**Health Ministers announce the reappointment of the National Health Practitioner Ombudsman and National Health Practitioner Privacy Commissioner.**

The Health Council is pleased to announce the reappointment of the National Health Practitioner Ombudsman and National Health Practitioner Privacy Commissioner (the NHPO), Ms Richelle McCausland.

Health Ministers congratulated Ms McCausland on her reappointment and expressed their continued confidence in her leadership and contribution to the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme.

The appointment was made by the Health Council under the *Health Practitioner Regulation National Law*, as in force in each state and territory.

The primary role of the NHPO is to oversee the bodies in the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme for the health professions, including the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (Ahpra) and the 15 National Boards.

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