



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **New CEO announced for Odyssey House NSW**

Former NSW Deputy Premier and mental health sector leader Carmel Tebbutt has accepted the role of CEO at Odyssey House NSW, one of the leading drug and alcohol rehabilitation providers in Australia.

Ms Tebbutt is currently CEO at NSW Mental Health Co-ordinating Council, the peak body for community managed organisations working for mental health in NSW, and a Director at Mental Health Australia. She also serves on NSW Ministry of Health and Primary Health Network advisory groups.

Before working in the non-government sector, Ms Tebbutt had a distinguished 17-year parliamentary career, holding a number of Ministerial portfolios, including Health, Education and Community Services and was the first female Deputy Premier in NSW.

She will take up her position in July, following the retirement of Julie Babineau, who has helped transform Odyssey House NSW during her seven years in the role.

"I am very excited to be appointed to the role of CEO of Odyssey House NSW," Ms Tebbutt said.

"It is an organisation whose mission and values I share, and which is a leader in the provision of rehabilitation services.

"I have spent the last five years working with community mental health organisations and I look forward to using my skills and experience and working with the great staff at Odyssey House in providing much needed treatment, support and education services."

Chair Doug Snedden said Odyssey was seeking a CEO who could provide strategic leadership and build community understanding of the treatment of addiction.

"I am delighted that Ms Tebbutt has accepted the challenge and look forward to the strong leadership and passion that she will bring to advocate for our vulnerable population," he said.

Ms Tebbutt will commence with Odyssey in July.

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## **About Odyssey House NSW**

Since 1977, Odyssey House NSW has developed extensive trauma informed rehabilitation programs to provide education and support for those wishing to address the physical, mental, social, and economic harms related to their substance use.

The organisation's team of professional staff help clients identify and address the underlying causes of their substance use—such as trauma, domestic violence and mental health issues—to improve their wellbeing, parenting skills, family relationships, social connections, numeracy, literacy and employment prospects.