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NEW CHAIRPERSON APPOINTED TO BUILDING PRACTITIONERS BOARD

Minister for Planning Justin Madden today appointed Mr William Russell Chairperson of the Building Practitioners Board. Mr Madden said Mr Russell would oversee the Board's work to maintain professional standards within the Victorian building industry.

"The Building Practitioners Board is an independent statutory body, which oversees the registration, quality and standard of building practitioners in the Victorian building industry," Mr Madden said.

"Mr Russell is highly regarded in the building and property sectors in Australia and brings a wealth of experience to the role of Chairperson.

"He is a past President of the Property Council of Australia (Victoria Division), past Chairperson of the Abbotsford Convent Foundation and was a member of the Victorian Government's Implementation Committee for the Melbourne 2030: Planning for Sustainable Growth policy.

"Mr Russell is also currently the Director of a Melbourne-based property advisory firm and is a long standing member of the audit committee for the Parliament of Victoria. Mr Madden also thanked outgoing Chairperson Mr Kim Lovegrove for his commitment to the Board.

"Over the past three years, Mr Lovegrove has made a valuable contribution to the Building Practitioners Board and the building industry in general," Mr Madden said.

"Mr Russell will build on this contribution as the Board moves forward."

As part of its role, the Building Practitioners Board has the ability to conduct an inquiry or hearing into the conduct or ability of a registered building practitioner to practise.