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MINISTER WELCOMES APPOINTMENT OF NEW CHIEF EXECUTIVE FOR AMBULANCE SERVICE OF NSW

Health Minister Jillian Skinner has welcomed the appointment of Ray Creen as chief executive of the Ambulance Service of NSW.

The Director-General of NSW Health, Dr Mary Foley, has appointed Mr Creen for a five-year term. He is currently chief executive officer of the South Australian Ambulance Service, a position he has held for five years.

Having commenced his career as a paramedic, Mr Creen has had operational and leadership roles in ambulance in both the United Kingdom and Australia. He currently serves as deputy chair of the Council of Ambulance Authorities (CAA), which is the peak body representing all Australian and New Zealand ambulance services.

“Ray Creen is well qualified to implement the NSW Government’s recently released Reform Plan for NSW Ambulance,” Mrs Skinner said.

“Paramedics are critical to the health system. Ray Creen will draw on his personal experience as a paramedic and his many achievements in leading reform and innovation to deliver the highest standards of care to the people of NSW.”

Mr Creen will take up duties on March 18. The acting chief executive of the Ambulance Service of NSW, Mike Willis, will continue in the role until that time, after which he will become the service’s deputy chief executive and chief operating officer.

“I am very grateful to Mike Willis for acting as chief executive and thank him for his leadership during this time, including his key contribution to the strategic review of the service,” Mrs Skinner said.

“I am very pleased that he and Mr Creen will work together to implement the reform plan.”