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Acting CEO Appointed for Organ Donation Authority

The Rudd Government has appointed Ms. Elizabeth Cain as Acting Chief Executive Officer of the Australian Organ and Tissue Donation Transplantation Authority following the resignation of CEO Karen Murphy for personal reasons.

Ms Cain is a highly qualified departmental officer with extensive experience in managing portfolio agencies.

The CEO's role is to lead the Authority that is driving the Rudd Government's national reform package for organ and tissue donation based on world's best practice.

For the first time in Australia, a national approach to organ donation has been co-ordinated between government, community groups, and State and Territory health departments.

Major elements of the reform process include the Donatelife network with over 160 dedicated clinical staff in 76 major hospitals across Australia and the Donatelife awareness program.

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