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AMA CONGRATULATES PROFESSOR PAUL WORLEY ON APPOINTMENT AS RURAL HEALTH COMMISSIONER

The AMA today congratulated Professor Paul Worley on his appointment to the new position of National Rural Health Commissioner.

Welcoming the appointment, AMA President, Dr Michael Gannon, said that Professor Worley is a highly respected member of the profession who has made a substantial contribution to rural health over many years.

“Professor Worley has a big job ahead of him, and he will have the full support of the AMA and other groups with a commitment to improving access to quality health services in rural, regional, and remote Australia,” Dr Gannon said.

“The long-awaited appointment of a National Rural Health Commissioner had the potential to boost the profile of rural health issues in Government decision-making and health policy development.

“The Rural Health Commissioner will also lead the establishment of a Rural Generalist Pathway, which could boost the much-needed recruitment and retention of skilled practitioners in rural areas.

“The AMA is uniquely positioned to provide Professor Worley with advice on rural health policy.

“We have an extensive rural membership, including medical students, doctors-in-training, career medical officers, GPs, and other specialists.

“The AMA has also established the AMA Council of Rural Doctors (AMACRD) to ensure our rural members have a strong say in our policy and advocacy.

“We are excited at the prospect of working with Professor Worley, and look forward to meeting with him as soon as he settles into the new role.”

Professor Worley is currently Dean of Medicine at Flinders University. He is a past President of the Rural Doctors Association of SA, a previous national Vice President of the Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine (ACRRM), and he is a current Council Member of AMA (SA).

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