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Anti-doping authority gets new chief

The Minister for Sport Kate Ellis has announced the appointment of a new Chief Executive for the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority.

Ms Aurora Andruska will soon take the reins of the Authority, under a new governance structure introduced earlier this year.

Ms Andruska is presently the Deputy Chief Executive Officer of Centrelink and will bring extensive public service and corporate governance experience to ASADA.

“Ms Andruska has the experience and skills that ASADA needs to maintain Australia’s reputation as an international leader in the fight against drugs in sport,” Ms Ellis said.

ASADA is at the centre of anti-doping efforts in Australian sport, using its education programs, drug testing, investigations and enforcement to deter and detect drug cheats.

“Ms Andruska is an outstanding leader with a strong track record of building positive relationships and achieving results,” Ms Ellis said.

Ms Andruska said she’s delighted to have the opportunity to work with the sporting community and lead the ASADA team.

“The 30 years plus experience I have in the public sector will stand me in good stead to meet the challenge of maintaining the integrity of Australian sport,” Ms Andruska said.

“Under my leadership the community, athletes and sports organisations can have confidence that ASADA is keeping Australian sport on a level playing field,” she said.

Ms Andruska takes over from Richard Ings. Since 2005, Mr Ings has served as the CEO of the former Australian Sports Drug Agency, the Chair of ASADA and the CEO of ASADA.

“I thank Mr Ings for his leadership through this period of growth and transition for Australia’s peak anti-sports doping agency. I wish him well in his future pursuits,” Ms Ellis said.

Ms Andruska’s three year appointment starts on 10 May.

The CEO of ASADA is the statutory office holder responsible for administering the *Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority Act 2006*. Last year, the Parliament passed amendments to strengthen the Act, which took effect this year.

The amendments reflect the recommendations of the independent review of ASADA in late 2008 and provide new structural and governance arrangements to ensure the efficacy of ASADA’s anti-doping programs. The changes also allow a new independent Anti-Doping Rule Violation Panel.

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