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## **Resignation of Monsignor Cappo**

The Mental Health Council of Australia (MHCA) acknowledges the very difficult decision taken by Monsignor David Cappo to step down from his position as Chair of the new National Mental Health Commission.

As the Minister for Mental Health, the Hon Mark Butler, has already stated, Monsignor Cappo has not taken this step lightly and his decision must be respected.

Monsignor Cappo has been an outstanding advocate for mental health and social inclusion and we hope he will continue to work in these areas as his expertise and commitment are highly valued.

The Mental Health Commission is a very important reform being undertaken by the Government, and Monsignor Cappo's resignation will allow a clear focus on building a national mechanism for accountability in mental health. In this way, Monsignor Cappo has honourably placed Australia's mental health ahead of his own opportunity.

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