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The Hon Alan Griffin MP
Minister for Veterans' Affairs

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NEW DEPUTY HEAD OF DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS APPOINTED

A former Army officer with extensive public service experience has been appointed Deputy President of the Repatriation Commission, a position which is the deputy to the head of the Department of Veterans' Affairs.

Minister for Veterans' Affairs Alan Griffin announced today that Mr Shane Carmody, formerly Deputy Chief Executive Officer in the Civil Aviation Safety Authority, has been appointed to a five-year term as Deputy President of the Repatriation Commission.

Mr Carmody is a career public servant, having held senior positions in the civil aviation, defence and finance portfolios. He has a strong background in Defence with credentials in policy development and implementation as well as financial and program management.

"I am sure Mr Carmody's skills and attributes, together with his background in the Army and as a senior executive in Defence, make him well placed to provide assistance to the veteran and defence force communities," Mr Griffin said.

"Mr Carmody comes at an important time for the Commission and my Department, and with his knowledge and experience he will play a central role in bedding down the organisational changes that began several years ago. I look forward to working with Mr Carmody to support those who have served in defence of our nation," he said.

The Repatriation Commission is responsible under the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* for providing health and compensation benefits to eligible veterans.

Mr Carmody also serves as a member of the Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Commission, which is responsible for providing rehabilitation, compensation and other benefits to current and former members of the ADF in service after 30 June 2004.

For more information about the Repatriation Commission visit
<http://www.dva.gov.au/media/aboutus/commiss.htm>.

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