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APPOINTMENT OF NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Energy Retailers Association of Australia (ERAA) today announced the appointment of Mr Patrick Gibbons as its new Executive Director. Mr Gibbons will take up his appointment with effect from 25 July 2005.

In announcing the appointment, the ERAA's Chairman Tony Wood said: "We are delighted to have Patrick as our Executive Director as he brings a wealth of experience having worked in both the Federal and Victorian Governments in a variety of advisory and economic capacities."

Mr Gibbons' most recent role has been as a Senior Advisor to the Minister for Energy Industries and Resources in Victoria, the Hon Theo Theophanous. Prior to that role, he was an advisor in the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet and Foreign Affairs and Trade which included a posting in Iran in the 1990s.

Mr Gibbons said: "I see my role in the ERAA as bridging the gap between the retail sector of the energy market and other market participants, as well as with Government and NGOs. A key challenge for the ERAA is to enhance its engagement on behalf of its members with those groups who also work closely with our customers."

Mr Wood said: "Over the last 2 years since its inception, the ERAA has made good progress in addressing critical issues in the retail energy sector, including pricing regulation, climate change and energy hardship. With Patrick's most recent background with the Victorian Government we are looking forward to further developments in these policy areas."

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