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AMSA WELCOMES NEW BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Chairman of the Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA), Mr Edward (Ted) Anson AM, welcomed the Government's announcement yesterday of new appointments for the AMSA Board.

The Acting Minister for Transport and Regional Services, Senator Ian Campbell, had announced the appointment of Captain John Paine as Deputy Chairman.

"Captain Paine has had a long and distinguished career in the Australian maritime industry, both as a senior executive and a ship's master. He brings to this position a high degree of business acumen as well as solid practical experience in ship operations that will continue to be of immense value to the AMSA Board," Mr Anson said.

Captain Paine replaces the outgoing Deputy Chair Mrs Sarina Bratton, who has served with distinction on the AMSA board since 1996.

"Mrs Bratton has made an outstanding contribution as a member of the AMSA Board and especially over the last two years as Deputy Chair and Chair of the Board Audit Committee with her extensive business experience in the cruise shipping industry," he said.

The Hon Virginia Chadwick also has been reappointed to the AMSA Board for a three year term. Mrs Chadwick is Chair and Chief Executive of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority (GBRMPA).

"Mrs Chadwick's reappointment continues the close and highly productive relations between GBRMPA and AMSA, with a particular focus on AMSA's general marine environment protection role and promotion of ship safety and pollution prevention in the Great Barrier Reef," he said.

The Minister also announced that Mr Clive Davidson had been reappointed as AMSA's Chief Executive Officer for three years, as recommended by the Board.

Mr Anson commended Mr Davidson's proven record of organisational reform and sound financial management and his capacity to carry forward a strong strategic vision for AMSA.

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