

Statement from Terry Moran AC, on behalf of the Board of the Centre for Policy Development

After eight years as CEO, Travers McLeod has decided to take up an opportunity to become Executive Director of the Brotherhood of St Laurence. This is an important opportunity for Travers and will allow him to continue CPD's mission — from a different vantage point. CPD and BSL have similar values and are both committed to systems change, especially in expanding opportunities for economic and social participation. Travers will remain a key part of CPD as a Senior Fellow.

Travers' leadership of CPD has created a potent values-driven Australian public policy force with a unique method and an unrivalled reputation for trust, collaboration and rigour. He has driven national progress across a broad range of policy areas and grown the CPD footprint, impact and team substantially. Travers' legacy as CEO includes transformative ideas for systemic reforms to government service systems, critical legal and regulatory interventions on climate change, the elevation of a nationwide guarantee for children and young people to national prominence, and the creation of the Asia Dialogue on Forced Migration.

Last year CPD agreed on a new set of strategic priorities, all of which are now being advanced, and build on the create-connect-convince method CPD is known for. As part of this process, we have been focussed on succession planning and renewal of our Board, Research Committee and Senior Executive.

Consistent with this planning, the Board is delighted to announce that International Director Andrew Hudson will become Acting CEO when Travers concludes his term. He will be supported by Annabel Brown as Acting Deputy CEO, and Allison Orr as COO.

Andrew is a dynamic senior leader in the global social change movement and an expert in building collaboration. He has 25 years of experience in advocacy, negotiation and senior leadership, working with NGOs, the UN, the private sector and government.

Before returning to Australia from New York in 2021 Andrew led a global team of 50 people across 11 countries as CEO of Crisis Action, an NGO which protects civilians from armed conflict. His prior experience included leading the Human Rights Defenders program at Human Rights First, as well as legal practice in Australia with asylum-seekers and disadvantaged communities in Melbourne. He is a John Monash Scholar and a board director of the Centre for Australian Progress.

Annabel's work over the last seven years has been central to the development and successful implementation of CPD's method. In her new role she will draw on more than two decades of values-driven public policy experience.

Since joining CPD in 2018, Allison's expertise has been pivotal in helping CPD to grow the size of our team to more than 20 staff, supported by a deep network of fellows and partners, and positioning CPD as one of the fastest growing policy institutes in the country.

The Board is united in our commitment to CPD's strategic direction and ethos, and in our confidence that Andrew and the team can continue to deliver them.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Terry Moran', is positioned above the printed name.

Terry Moran AC, Chair, Centre for Policy Development