

# Media Release

**The Hon Martin Pakula MP**  
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## NEW VICTORIA LEGAL AID BOARD DIRECTOR APPOINTED

The Andrews Labor Government today announced the appointment of John O'Donoghue as a new Director to the Board of Victoria Legal Aid.

Mr O'Donoghue has been a partner at PricewaterhouseCoopers since 2005, after first starting work at the consulting firm 16 years earlier.

He has worked with mining companies, agricultural businesses, retail and fast-moving consumer goods, industrial products and pharmaceutical companies.

Mr O'Donoghue has significant experience working with and auditing large Australian listed and private companies, as well as local subsidiaries of the London Stock Exchange and United States listed groups.

He is proficient in complex areas of accounting, having led and participated in specialist projects including accounting advisory and transaction work.

Mr O'Donoghue is also the Chair of Step Back Think, a Victorian not-for-profit entity dedicated to driving cultural change against social (one-punch) violence.

He holds a Bachelor of Commerce from the University of Melbourne, and is a member of Chartered Accountants Australia New Zealand and an ASIC Registered Company Auditor.

Mr O'Donoghue's appointment replaces David Thompson, whose term expired in February 2018.

### Quotes attributable to Attorney-General Martin Pakula

*"Mr O'Donoghue brings significant expertise in complex accounting, risk assurance, and auditing to his new role as a Director of the Board of Victoria Legal Aid."*

*"Victoria Legal Aid plays an important role providing legal support to Victorians and I congratulate Mr O'Donoghue on his appointment."*

*"I thank Mr Thompson for his contribution to Victoria Legal Aid during his five-year service on the Board."*