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Cheryl Vardon appointed as new Chief Executive Officer

A leader in public policy and education, Ms Cheryl Vardon, has been appointed as the new Chief Executive Officer of the Australian Gaming Council, the Chairman Matthew Slatter announced today.

Ms Vardon has held various senior executive positions in the government and education sectors spanning 20 years, most recently in her current role as Commissioner for Public Administration for the ACT Government and a Commissioner for the Safety and Rehabilitation Compensation Commission with the Commonwealth Government.

Mr Slatter said: "Cheryl has enjoyed an extensive career in the public sector, making a significant contribution to the development and implementation of long term strategies and social policy to help the community.

"Cheryl has very strong leadership experience and has headed up several organisations in different jurisdictions around the nation.

"As a determined leader in developing and implementing public policy, Cheryl brings valuable skills and experience to the Australian Gaming Council," Mr Slatter said.

Prior to her current role in the ACT, she was General Manager and Business Consultant (Victoria, Tasmania and South Australia) with Mission Australia, the not-for-profit organisation providing community and employment services to disadvantaged people. She was heavily involved in improving the services offered by Mission Australia and working with the corporate sector to emphasise corporate social responsibility.

Her other roles have included being Vice Principal and Academic Registrar with the University of Melbourne; Director General for the Western Australia Department of Education; Chief Executive of the ACT Department of Education and Community Services; Chief Executive of the South Australian Department of Public and Consumer Affairs; General Manager, Barwon South Western Region with the Victorian Ministry of Education and Regional Director, Children's Services Office Northern Metropolitan Region, South Australian Government.

Ms Vardon, a mother of three, has been a part time member of the Social Security Appeals Tribunal and is an advisor to a group of philanthropist in Fiji on the establishment of a school for indigenous children on Turtle Island. She has been recognised for her work with indigenous communities in Western Australia.

Ms Vardon, who holds a Bachelor of Arts from Adelaide University, is a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Management, and a Fellow of the Australian College of Education and an Adjunct Professor at the University of Canberra.

She takes up her role as Chief Executive Officer with the Australian Gaming Council in February 2006.