



**NEW SOUTH WALES**

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**The Hon Frank Sartor MP**

*Minister for Planning*

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*Minister for the Arts*

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## **NEW CEO AND BOARD MEMBERS FOR SYDNEY OLYMPIC PARK**

The former CEO of the Darling Harbour Authority and current Deputy Director General of the Department of Commerce, Alan Marsh, has been appointed as the new CEO of the Sydney Olympic Park Authority.

Mr Marsh's previous positions include delivering the Government's logistical support for the Rugby World Cup and a senior executive role with the Arena Management Group of Companies. He will take up his appointment on 1 February 2008.

The position was advertised nationally and Mr Marsh was the unanimous choice of the selection panel chaired by the Director General of the Premier's Department.

Minister for Planning, Frank Sartor, described Mr Marsh as having the right blend of skills and experience to lead the Sydney Olympic Park Authority (SOPA) into the future.

"Sydney Olympic Park is the premier sporting and events location in NSW, with magnificent parklands and innovative commercial development," Mr Sartor said.

"A new phase of commercial development has recently commenced and will accelerate in the coming years, along with substantial residential development.

"With a mixture of private and public sector experience and a diverse background including event management, precinct management, construction and development, Alan Marsh is well-placed to lead the Sydney Olympic Park Authority through its new challenges."

As well as the new CEO who automatically joins the Board, the Sydney Olympic Park Authority has another new Board member.

Liz Ellis, who recently retired from competition after captaining the Australian netball team to victory at the World Championships, has joined an expanded SOPA Board.

"Liz Ellis is a great Australian sporting champion, a lawyer and a successful businesswoman," Mr Sartor said.

"Ms Ellis is already on the Boards of the NSW Institute of Sport and the State Sports Centre, which are both based at Sydney Olympic Park.

"Her new appointment will improve coordination between those groups and the Authority.

"She also led the Sydney Swifts, based at Sydney Olympic Park, to consecutive Commonwealth Bank Trophy wins in 2006 and 2007.

"Liz Ellis and fellow Board member John Coates, President of the Australian Olympic Committee, will ensure that sport continues to have a central role at Sydney Olympic Park."

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