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## Media Release

# New Building Commissioner appointed

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Minister for Building Anoulack Chanthivong has welcomed the appointment of the new NSW Building Commissioner.

Department of Customer Service Secretary Graeme Head has appointed James Sherrard to the role.

Mr Sherrard has more than 30 years' experience spanning global construction projects with specialist expertise in strategy, commercial and infrastructure areas.

His previous role was Head of Commercial, Performance and Strategy at Transport NSW, where he led a team responsible for contract frameworks, the acquisition of property for major infrastructure projects, procurement including several multi-billion dollar projects and an analytics team.

He has been a project manager on civic, residential and sporting infrastructure projects across metropolitan and regional NSW and globally including the Sydney and London Olympics and has formal qualifications in building, business and law. He has worked at senior levels in professional services consulting, focused on infrastructure and urban renewal.

His experience in international construction projects between 2004 and 2015 spanned time working in the UK, Algeria, Afghanistan and Hong Kong.

**Minister for Building Anoulack Chanthivong said:**

"I would like to congratulate Mr Sherrard on his appointment, which follows former Building Commissioner David Chandler retiring in August after being an outspoken force creating positive change for the building industry in NSW.

"As part of this change, we last year launched Building Commission NSW transforming a ten person Office of the Building Commissioner into a more than 400 strong standalone regulator.

"With his depth and breadth of experience across the public and private sectors and globally, Mr Sherrard is well placed to take the Building Commission to the next level in its development.

"It is exciting to embark on a new era with James at the helm, working with stakeholders, industry, consumers and government to continue the Minns Labor Government's work to rebuild trust in the construction industry and ensure a supply of well built homes across the state.

"I would also like to thank Matt Press for acting in the role while the recruitment process was completed. Matt will continue as Acting Building Commissioner until James joins Building Commission NSW on 2 December."

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