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AMA APPOINTS NEXT SECRETARY GENERAL

The AMA has appointed Dr Michael Schaper as its next Secretary General.

Dr Schaper will take up the position in late July. He will replace Anne Trimmer, who will leave the AMA in August at the completion of her five-year term.

Dr Schaper will join the AMA from his current position as Deputy Chairman of the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC), a position he has held since 2008.

AMA President, Dr Michael Gannon, said today that the AMA Federal Council and AMA Board were delighted to secure the services of Dr Schaper, who has considerable background and experience in business, government, and academia.

"Dr Schaper is exceptionally qualified and very highly regarded across a number of peak sectors in the Australian community," Dr Gannon said.

"His intimate knowledge of the workings of government, business, and the tertiary education sector makes him the ideal leader for our talented and hardworking Secretariat in Canberra.

"The interests and concerns of AMA members, the medical profession, and every Australian who has contact with the health system will remain in very capable hands," Dr Gannon said.

Chair of the AMA Board, Dr Iain Dunlop, who oversaw the national recruitment process, said that Dr Schaper's business background will be invaluable for the Association.

"Like all member organisations, the AMA needs a solid financial base upon which to embark on its vital policy and advocacy activities," Dr Dunlop said.

"Michael's impeccable inside knowledge of politics, government, regulation, and the business world will ensure that the AMA's reputation as one of the nation's most successful lobby groups is preserved."

Dr Schaper has a PhD in Management and a Master in Commerce, both from Curtin University.

He has chaired or served on a number of Ministerial advisory committees, and been an adviser to various State and Federal Ministers and Members of Parliament, including the Cabinet Office of the Western Australian Government and the office of a previous Federal Treasurer.

As a manager, he has been the head of both the Bond University and Murdoch University business schools, CEO of a community business advisory centre, and was the Small Business Commissioner for the Australian Capital Territory.

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