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## MEDIA RELEASE

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### Mark Diamond formally appointed as CEO of the National Rural Health Alliance

The Board of the National Rural Health Alliance – Australia’s peak non-government organisation for rural and remote health – is pleased to confirm the appointment of Mark Diamond to the position of Chief Executive Officer.

Mark has extensive experience in the planning, development and delivery of health, community and aged care services in regional, rural and remote settings in four state and territory jurisdictions over 35 years.

Mark formally commenced in the role of Chief Executive Officer on 14 December, 2017 after having been engaged by the Alliance on an interim basis since August 2017.

Alliance Chair, Tanya Lehmann, said that the move signals positive times ahead for both the Alliance and rural and remote health issues more generally:

“We’re delighted at the formalisation of Mark’s appointment and the leadership and commitment that he brings to the Alliance. Both the Board and Council look forward to continuing our work with Mark, the National Rural Health Alliance team and our stakeholders to improve health outcomes for the seven million people living in rural and remote Australia.”

Mark confirmed that he is excited at the prospect of continuing to work with the Alliance’s Board, Council and 34 Member Bodies to focus on improving access to health services and health outcomes for people in country areas:

“This is a great opportunity. I’m looking forward to working closely with our stakeholders – including the National Rural Health Commissioner – to advance the development of a new National Rural Health Strategy and the delineation of Health Service Access Standards for rural and remote communities.”

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