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**NEW SOUTH WALES**

**The Hon Frank Sartor MP**

*Minister for Planning*

*Minister for Redfern Waterloo*

*Minister for the Arts*

**The Hon Graham West MP**

*Minister for Sport & Recreation*

*Minister for Gaming & Racing*

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## **HEAD OF DEPT OF ARTS, SPORT AND RECREATION TO RETIRE**

Director-General of the Department of the Arts, Sport and Recreation Bob Adby will retire on November 1 after a long and successful career in the public sector.

Minister for the Arts Frank Sartor and Minister for Sport and Recreation Graham West paid tribute to Mr Adby and thanked him for his service.

“Mr Adby is a respected senior member of the public service and has made an outstanding contribution to the promotion of the arts, culture and sport in NSW,” Mr Sartor said.

“His Department has worked hard to increase participation in the arts and culture through support for the film and television industry, galleries and museums and the performing arts.”

Minister West said Mr Adby had also helped to encourage more involvement in sport and recreation.

Mr Adby contributed to Sydney’s Olympic success in 2000, working with the Olympic Coordination Authority, and has helped to support other key sporting events.

He also headed the Major Events and Venues Strategy Unit of the Premier’s Department, which coordinated the Government’s support for the Rugby World Cup 2003 and other successful bids.

The unit helped to secure the 2009 World Masters Games, the A1 GP World Cup of Motorsport and the Australian/Uruguay qualification playoff for the 2006 Football World Cup Final.

“Under Mr Adby’s leadership, the Department of the Arts, Sport and Recreation has worked to achieve a key priority of the NSW State Plan – more people using parks, sporting and recreation facilities,” Mr West said.

“His commitment to the public service will be missed and we wish him all the best for the future.”