

News Release **Minister Ian Hunter**

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Resignation of EPA Chief Executive Campbell Gemmell

The Chief Executive of the Environment Protection Authority, Professor Campbell Gemmell, will be leaving his position to return to Scotland.

Minister for Sustainability, Environment and Conservation Ian Hunter said Professor Gemmell was leaving for family reasons.

“In his time as Chief Executive of the Environment Protection Authority, Campbell has made a significant mark on the organisation,” Mr Hunter said.

“He has led the EPA during a time of great change for the organisation, overseeing reform that has helped deliver an organisation that is more open, transparent and accessible to the public.

“While I regret his departure, he is leaving the EPA in a strong and positive state.”

In commenting on his departure Professor Gemmell wanted in particular to thank the staff of the EPA and the range of key business, departmental and local government contacts he has worked with - stating that he was proud of the reform that had been achieved during his time as Chief Executive.

“I am returning to Scotland with many fond memories of shaping new work with a great bunch of staff who I know will continue to give their all to make a difference for the people of South Australia,” he said.

“I believe we have made great in-roads during my time here.

“I have enjoyed many great visits to various parts of this State and Australia and met many wonderful people, both professionally and personally.

“There is great potential here and I hope it can continue to be turned into real results.”

Professor Gemmell began working at the EPA in South Australia in January 2012, after nearly nine years as the Chief Executive of the Scottish EPA.

He has a first-class honours degree in Geography and a PhD in Glaciology, and is a Professor of Environmental Regulation and Policy at Glasgow University.

During his time in Adelaide, he was also appointed Adjunct Professor at the Centre for Environmental Risk and Remediation at the University of South Australia.

Tony Circelli, who has been at the EPA for 20 years and has been Professor Gemmell's deputy for the past two years, has been appointed Chief Executive.

"I have no doubt that Mr Circelli has the experience and leadership skills required to take the EPA forward and ensure the momentum of improvement and high quality delivery is maintained," Mr Hunter said.

Professor Gemmell will depart in May.