

# Hon Dr Ayesha Verrall

## Minister of Health



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## Statement from Health Minister on Te Whatu Ora Board Chair

Minister of Health Ayesha Verrall has announced the departure of Te Whatu Ora/Health New Zealand Board chair Rob Campbell.

“I have raised with Mr Campbell serious concerns about the political nature of his recent social media comments,” Dr Verrall said.

“I no longer have confidence that Mr Campbell is able to exercise the political neutrality necessary for his role at Te Whatu Ora.

“I have decided to exercise my power under section 36 of the Crown Entities Act to remove him from this role, effective immediately.

“It is of vital importance that all Public Service board members, especially Chairs, uphold the political neutrality required under the Code of Conduct which they sign upon appointment.

“I will announce a new permanent chair in due course.

“I thank Mr Campbell for his contribution since the establishment of Te Whatu Ora last year,” says Dr Verrall.

**ENDS**