



# Media Release

## Hunter Water

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### **Hunter Water welcomes appointment of Acting Chief Executive Officer**

Hunter Water has welcomed the appointment of experienced water industry executive Graham Wood as Hunter Water's Acting Chief Executive Officer.

This follows the appointment of Jim Bentley (Hunter Water's Managing Director) as the NSW Government's Chief Executive Officer – Water, with responsibility for metropolitan and regional water policy across NSW.

Mr Wood will commence in the role of Acting Chief Executive Officer on 22 July 2019.

"I am pleased to be able to welcome Graham Wood to Hunter Water. Graham is an internationally experienced water executive, including his most recent role as the Chief Infrastructure Officer for Auckland's water service provider, Watercare," said Hunter Water Chairman, Terry Lawler.

"Mr Wood is familiar with Hunter Water and our region, having worked closely with the organisation over the last 18 months helping to inform our strategy and direction.

"Hunter Water remains committed to its strategic direction, and I know that Graham shares the Board's commitment to continue working with our communities to Love Water, appropriately respond to current drought conditions, improve our customer experience, continue reductions in network leakage, improve operational efficiencies and responsibly plan for our water future."

Hunter Water's Chief Investment Officer, Darren Cleary, will act in the Chief Executive Officer role until Mr Wood's commencement on 22 July.