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Senator Urquhart, asked:

1. What effect on the current direction of the Authority are the new appointees likely to have?

Answer:

The new Members recently appointed to the Authority bring with them a wealth of experience:

Ms Wendy Craik AM will serve as the new Chair of the Authority. Ms Craik is the Deputy Chancellor of the University of South Australia. Her distinguished record of service includes work with the Productivity Commission, the Murray-Darling Basin Commission, the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority and the National Farmers' Federation. Ms Craik was made a Member of the Order of Australia in 2007.

- Mr Stuart Allinson is the CEO of Bid Energy, a company that provides innovate energy contract services to large energy users. He has 20 years experience working with energy utilities on energy deregulation and carbon management.
- Ms Kate Carnell AM is the CEO of the Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry and was previously CEO of the Australian Food and Grocery Council. A Member of the Order of Australia and a former Chief Minister of the ACT, she has extensive experience on the boards of various government and non-government organisations.
- Mr Danny Price is the Managing Director of Frontier Economics, a consultancy firm with acknowledged expertise in electricity sector economics.
- Mr John Sharp is the former Commonwealth Minister for Transport and Regional Development. He is currently a company director and corporate adviser with specialist expertise in the aviation sector.

These new Members together provide significant expertise in economics, finance, public administration and regional issues. They will assist the Board as it directs the Authority in discharging its legislated functions.