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Dr Brian Richards Reappointed as Director of NICNAS

Dr Brian Richards has been reappointed as the Director of the National Industrial Chemicals Notification and Assessment Scheme (NICNAS).

Federal Assistant Minister for Health, Dr David Gillespie, today announced Dr Richards' reappointment by the Australian Government.

"Dr Richards has significant clinical and scientific experience and I look forward to continuing to work with him to implement the government's reform agenda," Minister Gillespie said.

"Since 2012, he has effectively led NICNAS, representing the organisation both nationally and internationally, including on the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Chemicals Committee.

"Dr Richards will continue to steer NICNAS through the reform process currently under way.

"In June this year, I introduced legislation to reform chemicals regulation in Australia. It aims to reduce regulatory burden while continuing to protect the community and the environment from the effects of harmful industrial chemicals."

Minister Gillespie said that the reforms are another example of the Coalition Government's commitment to strengthening the economy through innovation, supporting Australian exports and protecting the environment.

"Taking these reforms forward will be very important, and the changes significant," Minister Gillespie said.

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