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Resignation of Australian sports commission CEO, Mark Peters

The Minister for Sport, Kate Ellis, today announced that Australian Sports Commission (ASC) chief executive, Mr Mark Peters, had resigned.

“Mark served as chief executive from January 2001, overseeing many important reforms including the upgrade of facilities at the Australian Institute of Sport, the establishment of a European training centre for Australian athletes, and the success of Australian Olympic teams at the Athens and Beijing Games,” Ms Ellis said.

“Under Mark’s leadership, the ASC also saw significant growth in funding which doubled from \$97.6 million to almost \$220 million and saw the implementation of valuable grassroots sport and physical activity initiatives, like the highly popular Active After-School Communities (AASC) program.

“In the short time the AASC has been operating it has grown to involve more than 100,000 young school kids in many hundreds of communities around the country, reinforcing the vital role sport and physical activity plays in the healthy development of our children.

“Mark’s decision to seek new opportunities and challenges leaves behind some awfully large shoes to fill,” Ms Ellis said.

“On behalf of the Australian Government, I want to thank Mark Peters for the important contribution he has made to advancing sport in Australia and I wish him all the best for the future.”

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