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## New role for EPA chief

Environment Protection Authority Chief Executive Tony Circelli is leaving the EPA to lead a new regulatory agency for the Victorian Government.

After more than eight years as Chief Executive, he has accepted a role as Head of Recycling Victoria, which will lead Victoria's transition to a more circular economy.

"I will be leaving the EPA enormously proud of what we have achieved for the community and the environment, and knowing we hold an envied national leadership reputation," Mr Circelli said.

"Driving a more sustainable economy has long been a passion of mine and this new role is an exciting opportunity to drive new statutory, strategic planning and regulatory work in what will be a major transformation for Victoria."

Recycling Victoria is the new regulatory agency for the state's waste and resource recovery sector and began formal operations on 1 July this year.

Mr Circelli said he was heartened by the steady change in attitude towards sustainability within the South Australian community and the moves by industries to seek more sustainable development outcomes.

"I would also like to thank all the board members, presiding members and Ministers I have worked with for their trust and confidence in the expertise and commitment of the EPA Executive and staff," he said.

EPA Board Presiding Member Catherine Cooper said Mr Circelli had made an enormous contribution to the EPA in his roles since its inception in the mid-1990s.

"I have appreciated his support and advice as we have led important reforms and dealt with a range of sometimes challenging issues," she said.

"He has been an effective and inclusive leader for the EPA and his expertise and professionalism will be missed."

EPA Director Science and Systems Keith Baldry will be Acting Chief Executive.