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Media statement

Real Estate Agents Authority Appoints New CEO

Real Estate Agents Authority Board Chair Kristy McDonald QC today announced that Keith Manch has been appointed Chief Executive of the Real Estate Agents Authority.

Keith will take up his appointment in mid-January 2011.

Keith is currently a senior manager at the Department of Internal Affairs where he has had responsibility for a range of policy and operational regulatory functions including fire, civil defence, identity, gambling, censorship, anti-spam and anti-money laundering. He has also been responsible for the monitoring of three crown entities.

Previously, he has worked in the fields of competition and consumer law enforcement and consumer policy, information and education.

Keith is a past general manager of the Ministry of Consumer Affairs. This experience provides him with a sound understanding of consumer issues and the inter-relationship between the sellers and buyers of houses and their real estate agents.

Keith has a Master of Communications from Victoria University of Wellington and has undertaken executive development at the Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania. He is an alumni of the New Zealand Government's Advanced Leadership Programme.

The Real Estate Agents Authority, which was launched in November last year is a Crown entity established by the Real Estate Agents Act 2008 to provide independent oversight of the real estate industry and increased consumer protection. The Authority is responsible for licensing agents, branch managers and salespersons, providing consumer information and the receiving of complaints relating to real estate services.

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