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EXPERIENCED REGIONAL LEADER APPOINTED MALLEE CMA CEO

The Mallee Catchment Management Authority (CMA) Board has appointed experienced regional leader James Kellerman as its new Chief Executive Officer following the retirement of the well respected and long serving CEO Jenny Collins.

Mr Kellerman brings almost 20 years of public sector experience across natural resource management, water policy, statutory programs, major infrastructure delivery and organisational governance, including more than a decade in executive leadership roles within Mallee CMA.

Mallee CMA Board Chair Narelle Heard said Mr Kellerman's experience, leadership and strong regional relationships made him an outstanding choice for the role.

"James has a deep understanding of natural resource management and water policy, sound governance expertise and a genuine, longstanding commitment to the Mallee region," Ms Heard said.

"He is a respected and collaborative leader with a strong track record of delivering practical outcomes. His experience and established relationships with staff, Traditional Owners, government agencies, partners and communities is a significant asset to Mallee CMA and the region."

Mr Kellerman said he was honoured to lead the organisation and build on its strong foundations.

"I am proud to take on this role and continue working alongside our communities and partners to deliver positive, practical outcomes for the region," Mr Kellerman said.

Mr Kellerman commenced in the role on Monday 21 September 2026 following a competitive recruitment process.

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Background information:
The Mallee Catchment Management Authority (CMA) is a statutory authority established to ensure that natural resources in the region are managed in an integrated and ecologically sustainable way. Its work is based on science

and delivered through meaningful partnerships with local organisations such as Landcare, community groups, and government agencies in the Victorian Mallee.
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