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Michael Egan joins Woolcock Institute of Medical Research Board of Governors

Former NSW Treasurer Michael Egan has accepted an invitation to join the Board of the Woolcock Institute of Medical Research.

The Woolcock Institute is Australia's leading respiratory and sleep research institute and is regarded as one of the top six respiratory institutes in the world.

Chairman of the Woolcock Board, Mr Warren Scott said, 'We are honoured to have Michael Egan join the Board. His political knowledge and years of experience as a Minister and Treasurer will be invaluable'.

We look forward to Michael Egan's input in helping the Woolcock achieve its aim which is to improve the respiratory and sleep health of all Australians through research, education, prevention and care.

The Woolcock is rapidly growing and its reputation for leading edge research has seen a number of international collaborations established providing excellent opportunities for our researchers.

It also operates a clinical trials unit capable of running phase one trials.

The Woolcock has three main areas of work;

- Research in asthma, sleep disorders, cystic fibrosis, allergies, smoking cessation, emphysema and COPD
- Development of devices to better diagnose respiratory diseases and sleep disorders
- Educating health care professionals, the general public, students, government, clinicians, advocacy groups and industry through publications, conferences, seminars and training.

The Woolcock Institute of Medical Research (formerly known as the Institute of Respiratory Medicine Limited) was incorporated in 1981 and opened on 22 November 1985. On 31 August 2002, the Institute changed its name to the Woolcock Institute of Medical Research in memory of the late Professor Ann Woolcock AO, the founding Director.

The Woolcock is a company limited by guarantee and is governed by an independent board.

Located on the University of Sydney and Royal Prince Alfred Hospital campuses, the Woolcock has departmental status in both. The Woolcock is also associated with Liverpool, Concord and Royal North Shore Hospitals and the Hunter Institute of Medical Research. It is accredited by the National Health and Medical Research Council as an independent research institute and is a member of the Association of Australian Medical Research Institutes.

Michael Egan joins Lucy Turnbull on the Board of the Woolcock Institute of Medical Research.

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