

15 April 2025

**The Honourable Ms Sam Mostyn AC**

Governor-General  
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Dear Governor-General

**Resignation of Office as Deputy Commonwealth Ombudsman**

On 23 July 2020, I was appointed by the former Governor-General the Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Retd) for a five-year term as the Deputy Commonwealth Ombudsman commencing 10 August 2020. I now write pursuant to section 26 of the *Ombudsman Act 1976* to resign this office effective at COB on Friday 23 May 2025.

I recently accepted an offer to be the Deputy Chief Executive Officer of the Australian Skills Quality Authority and will commence that role on Monday 26 May 2025. I understand the merit-based process to select a new Deputy Ombudsman is well underway with a view to appointment following the upcoming election and formation of government.

I would like to thank you for the opportunity to serve the Australian community and assist the Parliament in this important role.

Yours sincerely

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**Penny McKay** ✓

**Deputy Ombudsman**