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**RETIREMENT OF DENNIS RICHARDSON AO**

On occasion of his retirement, Labor thanks Defence Secretary Dennis Richardson for his decades of professional and invaluable service to Australia.

In a career spanning nearly five decades, Dennis has served in key national security and foreign service roles – Secretary of Defence, Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Director-General of ASIO, and Ambassador to the United States to name a few. Australia is stronger and safer thanks to his work.

Dennis' advice and insight has helped governments of both stripes make decisions which have shaped our country's place in the world. Dennis' personal integrity and judgement meant his advice was always given heavy weight in Labor's national security considerations, whether in government or out.

The Labor team will miss Dennis' candour and engaging advocacy for ensuring Australia's national interests were always put first.

Labor wishes Dennis and his family all the best for the future and for his well-earned retirement.

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