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Dr Cleola Anderiesz is Chief Executive Officer of the National Breast Cancer Foundation (NBCF) – Australia's leading not-for-profit organisation dedicated to funding critical breast cancer research. Since commencing her role in 2022, Dr Anderiesz has spearheaded NBCF's pursuit of its bold vision of 'zero deaths from breast cancer', drawing on more than 20 years of senior leadership experience spanning the research, not-for-profit and government sectors.

Prior to joining NBCF, Dr Anderiesz spent over 15 years in public service through a series of senior roles at Cancer Australia. Throughout her tenure, she drove the development of landmark national cancer initiatives, including leading the implementation of Australian Brain Cancer Mission which secured more than AUD 47 million in funding partnerships.

She also played a pivotal role in developing Australia's first national Pancreatic Roadmap and provide executive leadership on a national enquiry into lung cancer screening, in her role as Deputy Chief Executive Officer of Cancer Australia.

Dr Anderiesz led Australia's first national audit of cancer research funding and designed and implemented the country's first national collaborative cancer research scheme, uniting 13 organisations to co-fund more than 300 cancer research projects with a combined value of AUD 113 million.

Earlier in her career, before entering the public sector, Dr Anderiesz spent six years working across the not-for-profit sector and as a medical researcher in reproductive biology, both locally and abroad.

Throughout her career, Dr Anderiesz has shaped clinical practice guidelines, policy reports and data publications, and has led national initiatives spanning survivorship care, shared follow-up models, regional cancer care, and professional education. She also provided executive leadership in the development of national frameworks supporting evidence-based, best practice care for health professionals, service providers, and policy makers.

Dr Anderiesz has served on a range of international, national, and state committees, including the International Cancer Research Partnerships (ICRP) Clinical Trials Outcomes Evaluation Committee,



Canteen's National Reference Group for the Australian Youth Cancer Framework, and the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) Cancer Monitoring Advisory Group.

Dr Anderiesz completed a Bachelor of Science (Honours) at Monash University, followed by a PhD in reproductive biology. She subsequently obtained a Graduate Certificate in Health Economics, a Master of Business Administration (MBA) from Melbourne Business School and is a graduate of Australian Institute of Company Directors.

Dr Cleola Anderiesz, CEO of the National Breast Cancer Foundation, explained women's health is more important than ever before, yet critical gaps remain in access, research and care.

"Breast cancer is the most common cancer among women in Australia which each day sadly kills nine people.

"At the National Breast Cancer Foundation, we have an ambitious vision of Zero Deaths from breast cancer. Research matters and it is how we help end deaths from breast cancer. Every breakthrough in prevention, detection, stopping breast cancer progression and recurrence, and treating the disease starts with research.

"The Conquering Breast Cancer documentary highlights both the incredible progress we've made and the ambition required to go further, brought to life through powerful personal stories of those impacted by breast cancer. Conquering breast cancer will rely on continued investment in world-class breast cancer research – transforming breakthroughs into a future with Zero Deaths from breast cancer.

"Hologic's Global Women's Health Index, and similar studies into women's health are essential in highlighting what these gaps are, and what needs to be done to improve health outcomes for women," Anderiesz said.

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