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Chief of the Defence Force appoints Gender Adviser

The Chief of the Defence Force General David Hurley has appointed the first Gender Adviser to the Chief of the Defence Force.

Ms Julie McKay from UN Women Australia will commence her appointment next week to provide specialist advice on gender issues.

“Ms McKay is a well known advocate for women and I look forward to gaining her insight as we continue to work towards a more inclusive organisation,” General Hurley said.

“Defence is committed to enhancing diversity in the workplace. We want to create an inclusive environment that respects, values and utilises everyone’s contribution, regardless of their background, experiences or perspectives.”

Ms McKay will continue in her role as Executive Director of the Australian National Committee for UN Women and will manage both positions on a part-time basis.

“Appointing a Gender Advisor who has experience outside the Defence organisation will provide us with an opportunity to broaden our own perspective and increase our understanding of women’s issues across the community and business sector,” General Hurley said.

Ms McKay has been a member of the Secretary and Chief of the Defence Force Gender Equality Advisory Board since 2012.

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