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**Statement from Archbishop Denis Hart upon the appointment of
Most Reverend Bishop Peter A Comensoli as the ninth Archbishop of Melbourne**

It is with joy I receive the announcement that the Holy Father Pope Francis has appointed Most Reverend Bishop Peter A Comensoli of the Diocese of Broken Bay as the ninth Archbishop of Melbourne.

A deeply pastoral and faith-filled man, Archbishop-elect Comensoli will bring many gifts to serve our people. I join the community in the Archdiocese of Melbourne in our prayerful and heartfelt welcome to him.

We greet Archbishop-elect Comensoli with hope for the future and will be honoured to welcome him at the Mass of Reception in St Patrick's Cathedral on Wednesday 1 August at 7pm. I have been asked to act as Apostolic Administrator during the interim period.

I extend to all my humble gratitude for your goodness, prayers and magnificent support while serving as the Archbishop of Melbourne.

+ Denis J Hart
Apostolic Administrator
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