

Premier Jay Weatherill

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Maher joins Cabinet as Close takes Education and Child Development

Kyam Maher is the new Minister for Manufacturing and Innovation and Minister Susan Close will take on the Education and Child Development portfolio following a swearing in ceremony at Government House.

Premier Jay Weatherill said today's reshuffle was necessitated by Monday's retirement of Jennifer Rankine from the Ministry.

"Beyond the replacement of Minister Rankine it is essentially a fine-tuning of portfolios," he said.

Other changes include Deputy Premier John Rau taking on the new portfolio of Child Protection Reform meaning he takes responsibility for responding to the findings of the Royal Commission into Families SA and the Coroner's findings from the Chloe Valentine inquest.

Sustainability, Environment and Conservation Minister Ian Hunter gains the new portfolio of Climate Change while Minister Close retains the Public Sector portfolio and takes on Education and Child Development.

Member for Reynell Katrine Hildyard joins executive Government as a Parliamentary Secretary to the Premier.

Mr Maher will also take on the responsibility as Minister for Automotive Transformation and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation.

Mr Weatherill welcomed Mr Maher to the Cabinet table saying he has demonstrated acuity on committees and as a member of the Legislative Council.

"Kyam took up a parliamentary secretary role last year and is one of the crop of young talented individuals ready to step up," Mr Weatherill said.

"He is former State Secretary of the Labor Party and was also a chief of staff to former Minister Terry Roberts who held the portfolios of Regional Affairs, Aboriginal Affairs and Correctional Services.

"Kyam has an important role to play as the State prepares for the departure of Holden and the transformation that will need to occur to meet that challenge."

Mr Weatherill wished Ms Rankine well in her retirement from the Ministry and said Minister Close will make a fine Education Minister.

"Education and Child Development is a crucial portfolio and I am sure Susan will relish the opportunity to meet the challenge it presents," Mr Weatherill said.

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