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AUSTRALIANS APPOINTED TO KEY IOC POSTS

The President of the Australian Olympic Committee and IOC Vice President, John Coates, will head-up two key Commissions on the International Olympic Committee.

The IOC President, Thomas Bach, has appointed Coates to succeed him as Chair of the IOC Juridical Commission and the Sport & Law Commission.

The changes are contained in a statement by President Bach today outlining the composition of the IOC Commissions for 2014.

Coates who became an IOC member in 2001 has sat on the Juridical Commission since 2002. He has also been re-appointed to the TV Rights and New Media Commission of which he has been a member since 2005.

In addition to his new posts, Coates will remain as a member of the Coordination Commission for Rio 2016 Olympic Games and Chair of the Coordination Commission for the Tokyo 2020 Games.

He is also the President of the International Council of Arbitration for Sport (ICAS) and Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS).

Kevan Gosper is retiring from the IOC after 36 years but has been appointed a member of the IOC Solidarity Commission. Gosper will also remain an Honorary Member of the IOC Press Commission after serving as Chairman of that Commission for 20 years.

James Tomkins, who is a member of the IOC Athlete's Commission, has been appointed to the IOC Programme Commission.

Helen Brownlee, an AOC Vice-President, remains a member of the Culture & Olympic Education Commission as an expert in her field.

Mike Tancred, the Director of Media & Communications at the AOC, remains on the IOC Press Commission, also as an expert in his field.