

SBS statement on the passing of Carla Zampatti AC

SBS is deeply saddened to hear of the passing of its former Chair, Carla Zampatti AC.

Ms Zampatti served on the SBS Board as Chair for ten years (1999-2009), drawing generously on her extensive business leadership experience to help steer the organisation through a decade of great change in the media industry.

During her tenure, Ms Zampatti and her fellow Board members oversaw significant moments in SBS's 45-year history. She was a passionate advocate for SBS and its unique role in the media landscape, including through its in-language services, so vital in helping new migrants navigate and participate in Australian life.

Having migrated herself as a young child, settling in Australia with her family, Ms Zampatti truly believed in SBS and its purpose and was committed to promoting greater understanding of and between Australia's diverse communities.

Carla will be remembered as an extraordinary leader, and a legend in Australian business. She was a well-respected member of the SBS Board, with great nous, energy, resilience, and creativity, and whose contribution was valued enormously.

SBS passes on its deepest sympathies to Carla's family, friends and all who loved her.

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