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Media statement

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Chairman passes baton to successor

After three years at the helm of the Forest Products Commission (FPC), Mr. David Taylor has retired and handed the baton of chairman to his deputy Ms. Eva Skira.

During a three-year term as Chairman, Mr. Taylor applied his considerable experience in banking, marketing and corporate governance to the benefit of the FPC.

FPC General Manager Dr. Paul Biggs said Mr. Taylor was an outstanding acquisition to the Board and had been a steady hand on the tiller as the Commission confronted the business challenges of the past three years.

"It has been a pleasure working with David. I have valued the time and effort he has devoted to assisting the Executive branch and the forest products industry.

"I take this opportunity to wish David and his wife, Yvonne, all the best," Dr. Biggs said.

Dr. Biggs welcomed Ms. Skira to the position and announced that Mr. Mike Gurry had been appointed to the position of Deputy Chairman.

A Commissioner since 2006, Ms. Skira has experience in banking and financial markets and has served as a non-executive director on a number of government, business and not-for-profit organisations across a range of industries.

Mr Gurry has extensive commercial experience in Australia and overseas. A former Managing Director of HBF, he has also served as President of an international information technology and consulting firm and is a past national President of the Australian Institute of Management.

FPC Commissioners are in the process of interviewing candidates for Commissioner positions however, the timing of any new appointments would depend on the completion of agency review by Haydn Lowe and the subsequent response from the State Government.

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