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# Media statement

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## FPC appoints Karen Gadsby as new commissioner

The Forest Products Commission (FPC) has today welcomed the appointment of Karen Gadsby to its Board of Commissioners.

Chairman Ms Eva Skira said the FPC was fortunate to have the services of Ms Gadsby, formerly a high-level executive with ten years experience with a multinational resources company in the roles of GM Finance, CFO and company secretary.

“With the challenges and opportunities ahead, Karen Gadsby’s appointment provides us with valuable additional experience and specialist knowledge that helps us to secure a strong future for Western Australia’s \$1.1 billion forestry industry.

“Without a strong and sustainable forestry industry, we risk losing significant employment and economic opportunities, particularly as global demand for environmentally-friendly materials such as timber increase year-on-year.

“With Karen’s experience, FPC will continue on-mission to deliver environmental, social and economic benefits to the people of Western Australia,” said Ms Skira.

Ms Gadsby also serves as a non-executive director of Talisman Mining Limited ; Perth Home Care Services and Community First International. She previously held directorships in Melbourne with health insurer GMHBA, Western Health & education services company AMES.

Ms Gadsby’s appointment follows the retirement of Mr David Taylor as Chairman, and the subsequent elevation of Ms. Eva Skira to the role and Mr. Michael Gurry to that of Deputy Chairman.

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### Photo captions:

Picture 1: Karen Gadsby, New FPC Commissioner

Picture 2: (L-R) Dr Paul Biggs, Eva Skira, Karen Gadsby, Mike Gurry