

Media Release

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Board Changes – Ports North

Ports North have welcomed the Queensland Government's appointment of Mr Tony Baker and Ms Vanessa Maruna as new Directors of the Ports North Board. Mr Baker and Ms Maruna will join the Board following the departure of Mr Greg Nucifora and Mr Martin Lee.

Ports North Chair Russell Beer said "Mr Nucifora and Mr Lee made a significant contribution to Ports North's achievements and helped position the organisation for the future. We indeed thank Greg and Martin for their effort".

"Ports North are a major contributor to the North Queensland economy, with the marine industry alone contributing more than \$1 billion annually and 40% of marine industry employment in the region.

"Whether it is bulk and general cargo, marina and tourism facilities, fishing fleet or commercial facilities, they all contribute significantly to the region's economy, providing jobs and attracting people to our region."

Mr Beer welcomes the appointment of Mr Tony Baker who has a strong background in the tourism industry. Tony is currently the Managing Director of the Quicksilver Group, Chairman of the Association of Marine Park Tourism Operators and a member of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority's Tourism Reef Advisory Group.

Ms Vanessa Maruna, a Cairns-based lawyer and town planner has also been welcomed to the Board by Mr Beer. Vanessa is the Managing Director of a law firm and town planning practice with experience in project management, planning and environmental law and change management.

Mr Beer said "both Mr Baker and Ms Maruna are well known and have good working relationships with the business community and key stakeholders in the far north region. Their appointments will be a great asset to the Board".

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