

Media Release

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Ports North farewell's Deputy Chairman and welcomes new appointment

Ports North has welcomed the Queensland Government's appointment of Mr Martin Lee as a new Director of the Ports North Board. Mr Martin Lee will replace Deputy Chairman Mr Michael Huelin who retires from the Board after 3 years of dedicated service to the far north region and Ports North. Current Director Sharon Dawson has been appointed as Deputy Chair of the Board.

Ports North Chair Mr Brett Moller said "Mr Michael Huelin has been a true advocate for Cairns and the far north region and as Deputy Chair of the Board has made a major contribution to Ports North's achievements. We indeed thank Michael for his tremendous effort."

"Ports North is 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 be 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 Moller welcomes the appointment of local business man Mr Martin Lee. Mr Lee is a licensed builder and real estate agent. Mr Lee has previous Board experience and has recently been appointed to the Queensland Building and Construction Commission Board.

Mr Moller said "Mr Martin Lee is well known and has good working relationships with the business community in the far north region and his appointment will be a great asset to the Board."

"Current Director Sharon Dawson's appointment as Deputy Chair of the Board recognised her contribution to the Board and the region and her links to and networking with the mining and resources sector will be invaluable to the future development of all of our ports and in particular the ports of Cairns, Mourilyan and Karumba" commented Mr Moller.

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