

## A new Board for Fisheries Research and Development Corporation

29 August 2024

Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, The Hon Julie Collins MP has appointed three new FRDC Directors for a three-year term from 1 September 2024.

Joining the FRDC Board are Ms Manuwuri Forester, Mr Yorick Piper and Mrs Katherine Winchester.

In congratulating the new Directors, Minister Collins said, “we have a lot to be proud of, and it’s thanks to the work of organisations like FRDC who are constantly finding ways to improve how we do things in the sector.”

“I know our new Directors will bring the same commitment to excellence in their tenure at FRDC,” Minister Collins said.

FRDC Chair Dr Beth Woods OAM said she was looking forward to working with the new Board.

“The new appointees bring extensive experience and expertise to the FRDC, positioning the Corporation to advance world-class research, innovation and impact in indigenous, commercial and recreational fishing and aquaculture priorities,” said Dr Woods.

Minister Collins also acknowledged Dr Saranne Cook, Prof Colin Buxton and Mrs Suzanne Hullick who completed their term as Directors.

“I also want to thank the outgoing Directors for their contributions to the FRDC. I wish them all the best in their future endeavours,” said Minister Collins.

FRDC Managing Director Dr Patrick Hone expressed deep gratitude to the departing Directors, highlighting their exceptional leadership and guidance during their terms.

“The three departing Directors have navigated the Corporation through unique and rewarding challenges during their term. I sincerely thank them for their unwavering leadership and invaluable guidance,” Dr Hone said.

The full FRDC Board effective 1 September 2024 is:

- Dr Beth Woods OAM – Chair
- Dr Patrick Hone, Managing Director
- Dr Chris Calogeras, Queensland – non-executive Director reappointment
- Mr Boris Musa, Victoria - non-executive Director reappointment
- Mr Alex Ogg, Western Australia - non-executive Director reappointment
- Dr Lyndal Thorburn, New South Wales - non-executive Director reappointment
- Ms Manuwuri Forester, Queensland - non-executive Director new appointment
- Mr Yorick Piper, Victoria - non-executive Director new appointment
- Mrs Katherine Winchester, Northern Territory - non-executive Director new appointment

Outgoing non-executive Directors are:

- Dr Saranne Cook
- Prof Colin Buxton
- Mrs Suzanne Hullick

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