

Media Statement

Michele Allan joins Tasmanian Irrigation board

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Dr Michele Allan, a highly credentialed business manager and professional director specialising in primary industries, has been appointed a director of Tasmanian Irrigation Pty Ltd (TI), the state-owned company responsible for rolling out and managing a series of irrigation schemes that is transforming Tasmanian agriculture.

TI chair John Lord announced Dr Allan's appointment today. Dr Allan replaces retiring director Mike Perry, who had been on the board since the inception of Tasmanian Irrigation in its original guise of the Tasmanian Irrigation Development Board.

Dr Allan is the government-appointed chair of William Angliss Institute in Melbourne and chair of the Grains and Legume Nutrition Council. She has experience in farm management systems and irrigated agriculture

Among Dr Allan's numerous directorships are positions on the boards of Ruralco, Meat and Livestock Australia, the Grape and Wine Research and Development Corporation and Forest and Wood Products Australia. She is also chair of audit and risk for Food Standards Australia and New Zealand and is a former executive with Kraft Foods, Bonlac Foods Limited, ICI and Nestle.

"Michele Allan brings an impressive inventory of expertise to the board," Mr Lord said. "Her experience in primary industry and governance will be invaluable to us."

Mr Lord also paid tribute to Mr Perry's contribution.

"Mike's field was finance, investment banking and infrastructure projects, which included the Basslink Development Board, of which he was a director.

“Mike was the chair of our board’s commercial committee and he was instrumental in the establishment of Tasmanian Irrigation’s commercial framework.

“He was with us from day one and was a tower of strength and sagacity. We wish him well,” Mr Lord said.

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