

Media Statement

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Leadership update from Sustainable Timber Tasmania

Sustainable Timber Tasmania, a Tasmanian Government Business Enterprise, responsible for managing more than 812,000 hectares of Permanent Timber Production Zone land, today announced a leadership update as the organisation prepares for its next phase of growth.

Statement from Mr Rob de Fegely, Chair of Sustainable Timber Tasmania:

“Chief Executive Officer Steve Whiteley will retire at the conclusion of his current term, following more than 40 years of dedicated service to Sustainable Timber Tasmania and the broader forest industry.

During his tenure, Mr Whiteley has successfully guided the organisation through a period of significant transformation. His vision and commitment have been instrumental in positioning the organisation for long-term success. On behalf of the Board, I extend our sincere thanks for his outstanding contribution.

To maintain continuity and strategic focus, the Board has appointed Mr Greg Hickey as Acting Chief Executive Officer, effective from 1 July 2025.

Mr Hickey, currently Sustainable Timber Tasmania’s General Manager Operations, brings extensive experience in Tasmania’s forest industry and is exceptionally well-placed to lead the organisation during this transition.

Supported by the Executive Team, Mr Hickey will provide stability and direction as the Board undertakes a national recruitment process for a permanent Chief Executive Officer.

Sustainable Timber Tasmania enters this new chapter with strong momentum and remains focused on delivering sustainable outcomes for Tasmania’s public production forests, while continuing to provide value to the Tasmanian community.”

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