



# Media Release

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## VicForests appoints new CEO

Nathan Trushell has been appointed as the new Chief Executive of VicForests following a successful period of acting CEO.

VicForests' Board Chair, Michael Humphris, said Mr Trushell brings a wealth of experience in the Victorian native timber industry.

"It is with great pleasure that I announce Mr Trushell as VicForests' CEO," Mr Humphris said.

"Mr Trushell has more than 20 years' experience in natural resource management, much of which he held various senior forestry management positions within Victoria.

"He brings with him a depth of knowledge gained over many years of facing challenges and opportunities as the industry has evolved and modernised.

"Mr Trushell's appointment comes following an extensive recruitment process which attracted a strong field of applicants.

"The significant level of interest in the role provides the Board with confidence we have found the right candidate for the job.

"The native timber industry is a dynamic and challenging environment and we believe Mr Trushell is the right person to take VicForests, and the important role we play in the industry, forward," he said.

Mr Trushell said this is an exciting time for the timber industry.

"It is an honour to accept this role and lead a team of highly skilled and committed professionals during a challenging and exciting period," Mr Trushell said.

"This is a long term business which supports an industry that provides thousands of jobs and generates around \$600 million per annum to the Victorian economy.

"Timber is enjoying a renaissance in high end and leading edge applications and we want VicForests and our industry to play a bigger part in this, as there are many opportunities.

"We will continue to work respectfully with our stakeholders on the immediate challenges but my key focus will also be to shape a positive future for VicForests and the industry it supports.

"We will achieve our goals through environmentally responsible forest management that ensures important social and economic benefits to Victoria are maintained for the long term. After all, that is what we are here to do," Mr Trushell said.

"The VicForests Board looks forward to working with Mr Trushell as part of a bright and sustainable future for the native timber industry in Victoria," Mr Humphris said.

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