

Murray Irrigation finalises eight-member board

Independent directors Patrick Largier, Don Marples and Claire Filson have joined member directors Ryan Gleeson, Noel Baxter, Steven Fawns, Phil Snowden and Waander Van Beek on a restructured Murray Irrigation board, which held its first meeting in Deniliquin today (June 7).

The board elected Phil Snowden and Claire Filson as chair and deputy chair respectively.

Mr Snowden said the board finalisation signals a new era in governance, board structure and stability for Australia's largest private irrigation and environmental water delivery company.

"It was critical that we recruited highly skilled independent directors if the company was to define a new era in board performance," Mr Snowden said.

"I'm confident we've found that in the candidates who have been selected to join us.

"They each bring a specific skill to the table which will ensure Murray Irrigation is able to perform as a company and also promote the interests and prosperity of the region."

Patrick Largier is an experienced non-executive director with over 30 years' experience in the oil, chemicals and mining sectors in Australia, the UK and South Africa. He was previously Managing Director of Ludowici, an ASX-listed global specialist mining services company with operations across five continents. He led the eventual \$330 million sale of the company to Danish group FLSmidth in 2012 and later became Managing Director of FLSmidth Pty Limited. Prior to this, Mr Largier spent 15 years with ICI Australia/Orica, running a number of businesses and divisions.

Don Marples is also an experienced non-executive director in both the public and private sectors across a number of industries, including major infrastructure and water entities State Water and Wide Bay Water. Mr Marples previously held senior roles at Lend Lease and the Commonwealth Bank.

Claire Filson has extensive industry experience in infrastructure and property, including utilities (water), ports, roads, rail and construction, as well as financial services including superannuation, insurance and funds management. She brings 20 years' experience on state and federal government boards, as well as private sector businesses, chairing audit, finance, risk, compliance and remuneration committees. Ms Filson also has experience in construction law and financial services in both regulatory and private sector settings.

Murray Irrigation engaged tier one recruiting firm, Korn Ferry, to find the independent directors.

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