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Strong skills on NBN Tasmania board

The newly appointed board with responsibility for overseeing the delivery of world leading communications infrastructure to Tasmania over the next five years, had its first meeting in Hobart today.

Executive Chairman Mr Doug Campbell AM, a widely experienced telecommunications executive, heads the seven-member board of the Tasmanian National Broadband Network Company. Mr Campbell, originally from Canada, has been an Australian citizen since 1990.

Mr Campbell's appointment as Chairman of the Tasmanian board and a member of the national board was announced by the Prime Minister late last month.

Today the Tasmanian Premier, Hon David Bartlett MP, and Mr Campbell announced the appointment of three members of the Board, with strong Tasmanian connections. Mr Bartlett was joined by the Treasurer, Hon Michael Aird, in welcoming the new board members.

They are:

- Dr Dan Norton, a former secretary of the Department of Premier and Cabinet and former Hydro and Aurora CEO, with extensive national commercial and consulting experience
- Mr Mark Kelleher, secretary of the Department of Economic Development, Tourism and the Arts, and a former CEO of the international clean energy company Roaring Forties
- Mr Sean Woellner, former executive general manager telecommunications with Downer Engineering. Mr Woellner's wide experience leading large and

diverse organisations in changing technology and business environments includes delivery of Tasmania's "backbone" optical fibre alongside the gas pipeline route.

The newly appointed directors were joined for today's inaugural meeting of the NBN Tasmania board by board colleagues announced last week by the Federal Minister for Broadband Communications and the Digital Economy, Senator Stephen Conroy.

They are Tasmanian Mr Jody Fassina, and Ms Alison Terry and Mr Greg McCann.

Mr Campbell said close collaboration between the Commonwealth and Tasmanian governments had achieved an outstanding board representation, which would ensure best practice governance for the broadband project.

"There is no doubt that this is one of the most exciting and challenging infrastructure initiatives to face Tasmania in a generation," Mr Campbell said.

"It was essential to secure the breadth of board knowledge and experience – both commercial and technical – to ensure that the oversight of this multi-million dollar initiative delivers the best outcome for Tasmanians.

"It is equally important for us to recognise that Tasmania is leading the country in delivery of the multi-billion dollar national broadband network.

"Our performance here, at board, management and operational level, will be closely scrutinised by the rest of the country, and lessons learned will be applied to the national roll-out", Mr Campbell said.

Attached: Biographical notes on the NBN Tasmania directors

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Three new appointees:

Mark Kelleher of Hobart in May 2009 assumed the position of Secretary of the Department of Economic Development and Tourism, and Chief Executive of the Tasmanian Development Board.

Preceding this appointment he was Managing Director of Roaring 40s, a leading Australian based renewable energy company developing and operating wind farms in Australia, China and India, from September 2005 until May 2009.

Previously, Mr Kelleher was with Hydro Tasmania for approximately 12 years and before that with Telstra, where he held a number of key positions in financial and strategy areas.

He has a Bachelor of Commerce (University of Tasmania), and is a Certified Practising Accountant, and a Fellow of the Institute of Company Directors. He is also a graduate of the senior executive program at London Business School.

Dr Dan Norton of Hobart has academic qualifications in economics, business and agricultural science, and is an experienced chairman and CEO who has worked in the electricity industry, central government agencies and in international commodity marketing.

He is currently Chairman of the Tasmanian Ports Corporation, Chairman of the Menzies Research Institute and Chairman of Capital P&O Logistics Pty Ltd, as well as a director of Tasmania's water and sewerage corporations and two private consulting companies.

He is a former Chief Executive of both Hydro Tasmania and Aurora Energy, former chairman of the National Electricity Market Management Company, and former Secretary of the Tasmanian Department of Premier and Cabinet

Sean Woellner of Sydney has extensive experience in leading large, geographically diverse organisations in markets driven by changing technology and business environments.

He is a former Chief Executive Officer of Tenix Alliance, delivering infrastructure services to major utilities and asset owners throughout Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific and covering electricity, gas, industrial and waste water sectors.

Prior to that Mr Woellner was executive general manager, telecommunications, for Downer EDI- Downer Engineering, a major Australian industrial operation with 17,000 employees throughout Australasia. Before that he was for 18 years a senior executive of Leighton Contractors with responsibilities including tender and contract management, project and construction management and project engineering

Previous appointments announced by the Commonwealth Government:

Doug Campbell AM, Executive Chairman brings significant telecommunications experience and expertise to the National Broadband Network project.

Mr Campbell was awarded an Order of Australia for his service to business and to the community, particularly as a contributor to the development of communications services in regional and remote areas of Australia. He was the founding group managing director and key architect of Telstra Country Wide.

He has over 48 years of industry experience: 30 years in Canada competing with established telecommunications providers, and 18 years in Australia as a senior executive at Telstra.

The Government recently announced Mr Campbell's appointment as a member of the NBN Co Board.

Alison Terry is a highly experienced global executive with demonstrated expertise in all aspects of corporate affairs, government relations and management of legal and regulatory exposures as well as experience in financial management, marketing and international business operations.

As a former Executive Director, Corporate Affairs, at GM Holden Limited, Ms Terry was a Member of Holden's Senior Leadership Team, the GM Holden Limited Board of Directors, and each of GM's subsidiary companies in Australia.

Ms Terry is currently working as a consultant and sits on a number of boards including AustralianSuper, Centre for Adult Education, and Chifley Business School.

Jody Fassina has a strong knowledge and understanding of Government and a professional background in advising on banking, finance, financial services and taxation issues.

He brings these important skills and experience to TNBN Co including his in-depth understanding of Tasmanian government and community issues.

He is a director of the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition and Trust and Chairman of the Finance and Audit Committee.

Greg McCann has extensive financial consultation and managerial experience. He is currently the Managing Director and Principal of the Excentor Group of Companies, an information technology distribution and services business operating throughout the Asia–Pacific region.

He also had almost 25 years experience with Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu as a systems integrator specialising in the implementation of enterprise applications.

Mr McCann holds Non-Executive Chairman positions at MOKO.mobi, an international provider of mobile social networking services focused on 3G networks, and Tel.Pacific, a company with a core business of providing pre-paid telephony products and services.

Mr McCann is also on the Board of the law firm Lander & Rogers.