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TIMBER INDUSTRY ELECTS NEW CHAIR & DEPUTY

Timber Queensland, the peak body representing the State's \$2.4 billion per annum forest and timber industry, elected a new Chair and Deputy Chair at its Annual General Meeting (AGM) held last week.

The Board of Directors elected John McNamara, Managing Director of the States' largest timber processor – Hyne Timber as Chair, and Sean Gribble, General Manager of the States' largest Cypress Sawmiller – NK Collins Industries, as Deputy Chair.

Timber Queensland CEO Rod McInnes said the election provided a great balance between a big corporate and a smaller, family business in leading the Industry forward.

"This balance is especially important this year with issues such as the sale of Forestry Plantations Queensland and long term resource issues in Cypress Pine to be addressed," said Rod McInnes.

Rod McInnes also paid tribute to outgoing Chair – Skene Finlayson, Director, Finlayson Timber & Hardware.

"Skene Finlayson has steered Timber Queensland through some difficult times during his two terms as Chair over the last two years," he said.

Other Directors elected at the AGM included:

- Robert Ryder - Divisional Manager, Frames and Trusses Dale and Meyers Operations
- Warwick Temby - Executive Director, Housing Industry Association
- Doug Simms - Managing Director Ravenshoe Timbers, Director Simms Veneer and Sawmills, Director Gordonvale Sawmills
- Craig Neale - Facility Manager, Carter Holt Harvey Woodproducts - Caboolture
- Robert Tapiolas - Director Parkside Building Supplies, Director Tropical Homes
- Mike O'Shea - General Manager Business Development (Forestry), Forest Enterprises Australia
- Skene Finlayson - Director Finlayson Timber and Hardware, Director Yarraman Pine

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