



# BOARD MEETING MEMBER COMMUNIQUE

Held on 26 July 2023

## Board Matters

1. **Appointment of Interim CEO:** The board announced the appointment of Alastair Cameron as the Interim CEO. Alastair will assume the role immediately and will be responsible for leading the organisation during the transition period until a permanent CEO is appointed.
2. **Engagement of Searson Buck for new CEO:** The board has engaged the recruitment agency Searson Buck to conduct the search for a new CEO. The expectation is the position will be filled by November 2023. The search process will be comprehensive to ensure that a suitable candidate is selected to lead the organisation effectively.
3. **EPBC Act Review, Forestry, EIDs, and mining on private land:** Discussions were held on the review of the EPBC Act. The board also examined issues related to the forestry sector, the use of Electronic Identification Devices (EIDs), and mining activities on private land.
4. **Marinus Link Discussion:** The board discussed the ongoing issues relating to the Marinus Link, ongoing TFGA's involvement, and implications related to the project.
5. **Lunch & Discussion with the Minister:** The board members had the opportunity to have lunch with Minister, Jo Palmer and discuss various issues impacting members.
6. **Longford Redevelopment:** The board received an update on the progress of Longford with demolition work now well underway.
7. **Education & Training Strategy:** The board has taken the proactive step of establishing a dedicated committee within TFGA to develop an Education & Training Strategy. This strategic initiative aims to bolster the skillsets and knowledge of individuals within the sector, ensuring a purposeful and effective system, while also fostering clear and accessible career pathways into the industry.
8. **Overview of the VFF Conference:** The board received an overview of the Victorian Farmers Federation (VFF) conference.
9. **Discussion on Communications, Branding, and Engagement:** The board held discussions on matters related to communications, branding, and stakeholder engagement.