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New Chair for the Marine Farming Review Panel

The Governor has approved a new Chair for the Marine Farming Review Panel. Mr Andrew Paul will commence in the role, taking over from Mr Craig Midgley who retires after many years' exemplary service.

I would like to extend my sincerest appreciation to Mr Midgley, who served on the Panel for over 10 years, as well as serving on a number of other statutory advisory committees. Mr Midgley brought valuable leadership, experience and knowledge in the development and administration of fisheries.

The new Chair, Mr Andrew Paul was successful in the recent EOI process and has been appointed to the role for the next five years. Mr Paul is an experienced Executive Manager and non-executive Board Director, having recently retired as General Manager of Clarence City Council. Mr Paul has many relevant skills and well-developed networks.

The nine-person Panel serves our marine farming industries, providing timely and sound recommendations on often complex developments.

The work of the Panel has provided the foundation upon which the marine farming industry has become a major contributor to Tasmania's economy. Our overall seafood sector is leading the nation in employment with 11,647 direct and indirect jobs, and the economic value of the sector is worth \$1.5 billion to Tasmania.