

Media Release

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New Board Appointment for Dairy Food Safety Victoria

The Victorian Minister for Agriculture, the Hon. Joe Helper has formally appointed the Dairy Food Safety Victoria (DFSV) Board for the next Board term, commencing October 2009.

All existing Board members except one have been reappointed. To ensure continuity between Boards, the Chair tenure was readjusted to the month of April. Ms Shirley Harlock will remain Chairman of DFSV for the next three years. Mr Doug Day did not apply for reappointment.

DFSV Acting Chairman Mr Trevor Tappenden today acknowledged Mr Day's contribution to the DFSV Board.

"I express my sincere appreciation for the significant input provided by Doug Day over the last 3 years. His extensive experience in the dairy manufacturing environment over 40 years and his positive commitment to the dairy industry has been of immense value to the organisation," said Mr Tappenden.

The new appointment to the Board is Mr Barry Lierich who currently consults to industry on business structures and financial and accounting matters. Mr Lierich was the Chief Executive Officer of Tatura Milk Industries (TMI) for 2 years prior to it being acquired by Bega Cheese Limited. Before this he was Chief Finance Officer at TMI for 23 years.

"I am pleased to welcome Mr Lierich to DFSV and look forward to working with him and the new Board as we implement our new Corporate Plan for 2009-2012," said Mr Tappenden.

"DFSV's new Corporate Plan builds on work undertaken to date to increase manufacturer food safety skills and knowledge, and incorporates new work areas to meet the specific needs of our dairy farmers."

"The dairy industry has faced significant challenges over the last year. In addition to the global financial crisis, market requirements are intensifying as food regulation comes under focus, and global markets are tightening."

"In challenging times DFSV remains committed to maintaining market access, adding value and reducing regulatory burden for the dairy industry - without compromising food safety," concluded Mr Tappenden.

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