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Facility Management Association appoints Vice-Chairman

The Facility Management Association of Australia Limited (FMA Australia) today announced the appointment of Andrew McEwan as Vice-Chairman. Mr McEwan, a senior official with the Department of Local Government, Planning, Sport and Recreation in Queensland, and a current member of FMA Australia's Board, takes up this role with immediate effect.

FMA Australia Chairman, Stephen Ballesty welcomed Mr McEwan's appointment which comes at an exciting time for FMA Australia.

"Andrew is respected within the FM industry and has been an enthusiastic and constructive contributor to FMA Australia for many years, his appointment as Vice-Chairman, which is a critical leadership role, is both deserved and welcome," Mr Ballesty said.

Mr McEwan said that he was looking forward to the challenges the role will bring. "FMA Australia is experiencing an exciting period, with substantial growth in membership, significant improvement in member services and increasing recognition of the facility management profession," he added. "We have an excellent relationship with the Australian Government through the Facilities Management Action Agenda and are developing closer relations with our global partners, the British Institute of Facilities Management and the International Facility Management Association of the USA," Mr McEwan said.

Mr McEwan was appointed a Director of FMA Australia in January this year and has been a member of the Queensland State Committee for over five years. Mr McEwan's experience in facilities management ranges from strategic planning and policy development to operational management, in addition to experience in the academic and research fields.

NOTE FOR EDITORS:

The Facility Management Association of Australia (FMA Australia) is the professional body representing the facility management profession. Members are professionals involved in the strategic and operational management of significant facilities in public and private sector organisations.

Facilities include commercial, educational, industrial, government and landmark buildings or infrastructure. Facility Managers either manage all aspects of these facilities or provide services to them.

Some facts about FMA Australia:

- operating for 18 years with Branches in each State
- has over 1,700 members including Australia's leading facility managers
- provides a range of member services including a national annual conference, professional development opportunities and networking
- runs an accreditation program to accredit facility managers and encourages the development of university courses in facility management
- takes a leading advocacy role on behalf of its members representing the interests of the industry to government and regulatory bodies
- promotes the facility management profession to senior management and the media to increase understanding of this important area across business and the wider community

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