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HIA Appoints Deputy Managing Director

The Housing Industry Association today announced the appointment of Graham Wolfe as Deputy Managing Director.

“The position of Deputy Managing Director is a new role within the Association,” said HIA’s Managing Director, Shane Goodwin. “This new position reflects the rapidly evolving, dynamic and challenging environment within the residential building sector across Australia.”

“The industry contributes more than \$160 billion worth of economic activity annually, provides employment for over one million Australians, generates nearly \$80 billion in taxes and supports some 320,000 businesses,” said Mr Goodwin. “Over the past three years, the industry has built more than 650,000 new homes, providing some relief to the mounting housing under-supply pressures created during the preceding decade.”

“HIA’s membership builds over 85 per cent of all new homes nationally, across all residential types – detached houses, townhouses and villas, medium density and high-rise apartments.”

HIA provides exhaustive support, services and facilities for its membership, a membership that includes builders, trade contractors, manufacturers and suppliers, building designers, associates and partners. The Association also presents the views and voice of the residential building industry to governments, regulators and mainstream media, and through social media networks.

“Mr Wolfe brings over 30 years’ building industry experience to his new role, experience that spans building and engineering design, building codes, standards and regulation, building compliance and project management,” said Mr Goodwin.

“His previous roles with HIA have included National Technical Director and Regional Executive Director for Queensland, NSW and Victoria, each of which involved responsibility for membership servicing, government relations, industry advocacy and media. Most recently Mr Wolfe was HIA’s Chief Executive-Industry Policy & Media Relations.”

“Prior to joining HIA, Mr Wolfe held senior positions in both local and state governments, and has extensive experience in analysing and responding to government legislation and regulation.”

“Mr Wolfe’s immediate priorities will focus on the key issues of land supply, housing affordability, infrastructure, access to finance, innovation and aligning housing options with client preferences, particularly those of our ageing population and our evolving household demographic,” said Mr Goodwin.

Mr Wolfe has a passion for the residential building industry, for the people who dedicate their labours to it, their commitment and enthusiasm, and for the product of their hard work – the homes we all live in.

“I am confident that Australia’s residential building industry can continue to build on its reputation as a world class provider of quality housing,” said Mr Wolfe.





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“I am equally confident that the industry can expand its contribution to the national economy, provide employment opportunities for younger Australians and support growth in our national standard of living for the benefit of all Australians.”

“HIA is in a unique position to both represent the views of the residential building industry to all three levels of government and to provide comprehensive support mechanisms for our membership across all states and territories, said Mr Wolfe. “I look forward to working with and for HIA’s members – large and small.”

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