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NEW HIA NATIONAL PRESIDENT

Simon Norris is the newly elected National President of the Housing Industry Association (HIA).

After serving as HIA's National Vice President for the past two years, Simon Norris has been elected as National President to replace outgoing National President, Pino Monaco.

"Simon's involvement with the HIA has spanned over 20 years, in various roles including as Queensland Executive Committee member, Queensland Vice President and President, National Service Committee Chair and as National Director for the past eight years," said HIA Managing Director, Graham Wolfe.

In his first formal address at HIA's National Conference in Perth, Mr Norris praised former National President, Pino Monaco for his "commitment, energy and outstanding contribution to the National Board and to the HIA membership more generally".

"I am delighted to say that Mr Monaco's contribution to our great Association will continue through his position on HIA's National Board as Immediate Past President," said Mr Norris. "His knowledge and experience will serve the Board well as we approach the challenges and opportunities ahead."

"The residential building industry generates over \$130 billion dollars in economic activity, employs over one million workers and provides opportunities for rewarding, lifelong careers in an industry that boasts a 'salt of the earth dna'. The industry's contribution is much greater if related activities such as landscaping, hard and soft furnishings, domestic appliances and home technologies are included."

"HIA members include builders, developers, trade contractors, designers, building supervisors, manufacturers and suppliers, estimators, engineers, and many other professionals. I look forward to working with HIA's members to achieve improvements across key areas such as planning schemes, red tape, finance and housing affordability," said Mr Norris.

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