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## **Ports Australia Announces New CEO**

Following an extensive nationwide recruitment process, Ports Australia is pleased to announce the appointment of the Hon. Michael Gallacher as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Ports Australia.

This selection process was rigorous and drew applicants from a wide variety of backgrounds across the nation. Mr Gallacher's long standing interest and understanding of ports and shipping related issues, together with his widely acknowledged advocacy and policy development skills were instrumental in his successful application.

His relationship with our industry developed with his appointment as Shadow Minister for Ports following the 2003 NSW State election and from that time he has been the strongest advocate for the future growth and advancement of our industry. Through his career, Michael has progressed into other areas of political responsibility, such as Industrial Relations, Police and Emergency Services and yet he has always maintained an interest and a preparedness to understand the challenges and opportunities affecting ports across the nation.

Michael's list of achievements as a Minister highlights his ability to prosecute the need for policy change and then personally drive the negotiation and public debate process to achieve the required outcome. He has a proven track record of working with his Federal and State political counterparts across the political spectrum to achieve nationwide outcomes.

Vincent Tremaine, Chairman of Ports Australia, said "There is no doubt that Michael will build on the outstanding leadership and direction set by our former CEO David Anderson to drive the public profile of Ports Australia and to strongly advocate on the issues affecting the efficiency and development of our nation's shipping gateways".

He added that "Ports Australia would also like to sincerely thank David Anderson for remaining in his position in a part-time capacity during this transition period. We appreciate his ten years of exemplary service as Ports Australia's CEO and we wish him all the best for his future endeavours".

Mr Gallacher will commence his role at Ports Australia on Tuesday 18 April.

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**About Ports Australia:**

Ports Australia is the peak body representing the interests of port and marine authorities in Australia.