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## **NEW MEMBERS JOIN ENGINEERING REGULATORY BOARD**

The Board of Professional Engineers of Queensland has welcomed the appointment of three new Board members.

Maureen Hassall, Suzanne Burow and Christopher Edwards were appointed as Board members following an extensive process.

Dr Hassall has been appointed as the Board's academic representative, succeeding Dr Nagaratnam Sivakugan.

She is an Associate Professor from the University of Queensland and director of UQ RISK, a leading-edge, multidisciplinary initiative that crosses the fields of industrial risk and human factors. She has a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), Master of Business Administration (MBA), Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.) and a Bachelor of Engineering (BEng) in Chemical Engineering.

Her research interests include integrated, intelligence driven risk management, human factor in industry, and enhancing operational integrity. Dr Hassall has authored several dozen book chapters, journal articles and conference papers on these subjects.

She also supervises Masters and PhD students undertaking industry focused human factors and operational risk related research.

Ms Burow is the elected Registered Professional Engineer of Queensland (RPEQ) representative, replacing Peter Evans. She is a civil engineer and has significant experience in water resources in both the public and private sector.

She led the water resources modelling for the Connors River and Nathan Dams environmental impact statement, undertook the Wyaralong Dam yield and construction resource operations licence modelling, provided expert hydrological advice for the Paradise Dam environmental law case and managed the water apportioning and entitlements for SunWater's 2012- 2017 water supply schemes.

In 2019, Ms Burow was made one of Engineers Australia's two Deputy Queensland Division Presidents.

Mr Edwards joins the Board as the community representative in place of Sarah Hansen. He is the Principal and General Manager of RPS Asia Pacific, a management consulting firm. At present, Mr Edwards is leading a state-wide delivery program for the Department of Education.

In addition to his public sector experience, that also includes Queensland Treasury and Trade and Building Queensland, Mr Edwards counts Chevron, ExxonMobil, Hatch and PwC amongst his previous employers.



He is well recognised for his skills in project management and planning, risk management, business process improvement and change management.

Each of the new Board members have been appointed for a three-year term, until 30 June 2022.

**Quote attributable to Board of Professional Engineers of Queensland Chairperson Dawson Wilkie:**

*I welcome Maureen, Suzanne and Christopher to the Board.*

*They are all highly experienced professionals who will bring diverse skills and knowledge to this organisation.*

*I have been impressed by their enthusiasm to make a real difference for the engineering profession in Queensland and look forward to working with them.*

*On behalf of the Board and the engineering profession I say thank you and best wishes to the former Board members, Sarah Hansen, Peter Evans and Nagaratnam Sivakugan.*

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