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Media release

Councils appoint Mark Williamson as new Allconnex Water Board Chair

Allconnex Water is pleased to announce the appointment of Mark Williamson as the new Allconnex Water Board Chair.

Mr Williamson takes up the role today after his appointment by Allconnex Water's three participating councils – Gold Coast City Council, Logan City Council and Redland City Council.

With more than 25 years' experience in non-executive director positions on a range of Boards, including those of public sector utilities, Mr Williamson is well placed for his new role.

Mr Williamson has held senior roles over the past 30 years in sales, marketing and general management in industries including energy, information technology, airlines and telecommunications.

Previous positions include Director of Sales, Northern Region, for Optus; General Manager of National Sales for Ansett Australia; General Manager, Queensland, for Ansett Australia; and Executive Vice President, Sales and Marketing, for Mincom.

Mr Williamson is currently a Board member of CS Energy Ltd, where he is also the Chair of its People and Safety Committee. He is also a Board member of government-owned organisation Transmax Pty Ltd.

Prior Board appointments include:

Director, Stanwell Corporation (2001 - 2011), including Chair Audit & Risk Committee, Chair Human Resources and Workplace Health & Safety Committee;

Director, Mackay Port Authority (2005 - 2010), including Chair Human Resources and Safety Committee;

Director, Starlight Children's Foundation (1995 - 2005);

Director, North Queensland Cowboys (1999 - 2004);

Member, Advisory Committee Graduate School of Management, QUT (1994 - 1998);

Director, Brisbane Marketing (1994 - 2001);

Director, Lang Park Trust (1998 - 2004).

Mr Williamson said he looked forward to working with the three councils, the Allconnex Water Board and new Allconnex Water CEO Andrew Foley to ensure a smooth transition of water and wastewater services back to the councils on 1 July 2012.

"My focus will be on two main areas – the efficient transfer of services, people and assets back to councils, while at the same time delivering high levels of customer service," he said.

The Allconnex Water Board will oversee the operations of Allconnex Water until 30 June 2012.

Former Chair John Dempsey resigned from the Allconnex Board in September 2011.

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