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New chair for Gladstone Industry Leadership Group

NRG General Manager Glenn Schumacher will lead the direction of the Gladstone Industry Leadership Group as the newly elected chair.

At its most recent meeting, the board accepted the resignation of outgoing Chairman Doug Grimmond who recently transferred from the region and elected Mr Schumacher.

On accepting the role, Mr Schumacher said Doug provided great drive and energy and helped establish the direction of the group during his time as Chairman.

“It was a big undertaking to get the organisation up and running and Doug has left behind a great legacy for the group to move forward with,” he said.

Mike Dunstan was also been welcomed onto the board as the representative from Rio Tinto Alcan - Yarwun.

Mr Schumacher said the new board had made it clear that the primary strategic focus was the resolution of Gladstone’s air quality concerns and providing an open and transparent link between the community and local industry.

In addition, board members had also signalled their intention to expand GILG’s focus to include examination of a range of regional issues including programs to address workforce attraction, retention and training and improved social infrastructure for the Gladstone region.

“There are a number of challenges currently being faced in the Gladstone region and GILG wants to play a significant role in the development of greater outcomes for our community,” Mr Schumacher said.

The other continuing Board members are Brian Cooper (BSL), Kevin Doyle (Cement Australia) and Phil Campbell (QAL).

The Gladstone Industry Leadership Group (GILG) represents:

- Boyne Smelters Limited (BSL) – Australia’s largest Aluminium smelter,
- Queensland Alumina Limited (QAL) – the third largest alumina refinery in the world,
- Rio Tinto Alcan - Yarwun (RTAY) – the first green field alumina refinery to be constructed worldwide since 1985,
- Cement Australia – Australia’s largest cement kiln, and
- NRG Gladstone Operating Services – Queensland’s largest power station.

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