

Media release

Supply Nation announces appointment of new Board Chair

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Leah Armstrong and the Board of Directors of Supply Nation are very pleased announce a decision that marks the next step for Supply Nation. On May 28, the board unanimously elected Mr Michael McLeod as the new board Chair.

As one of the founders of Supply Nation, Michael was instrumental in the establishment of the organisation, and has continued to be a strong supporter and advocate for supplier diversity and the increasing engagement of Indigenous businesses into the supply chains of Australia's corporations and government agencies. His passion, drive and deep knowledge and connections to the supplier diversity community, both in Australia and globally, will be a real asset to the organisation as it embarks on the next phase of its journey.

Upon her resignation as Board Chair, Leah Armstrong said "I have had the privilege of serving as the Supply Nation Chairperson for the past four years and during that time watched the organisation expand in size and scope and deepen its relationships with stakeholders across the country. The last four years have been exceptional and we as a board are incredibly excited for what the future holds. As Supply Nation enters its 10th year of operation, I believe that is time for Michael to take on the role of Chair to help guide and support Laura and the team as the organisation continues to build. I will remain on the board and am looking forward to supporting Michael in his new role."

Michael McLeod responded "I am honoured to take on the important role of Chairman of Supply Nation as the organisation goes from strength to strength, and the opportunities for Indigenous businesses continue to grow both through federal government and state government policy and the strong commitment from Corporate Australia, who have backed Supply Nation since its inception.

I want to pay tribute to Leah Armstrong who has expertly helped steer Supply Nation, together with Laura Berry as the CEO, through a significant growth period following the introduction of the Indigenous Procurement Policy. Under Leah's stewardship, Supply Nation has grown its national footprint, more than doubled the number of corporate and government members, and more than tripled the number of Indigenous businesses. Leah has been involved with Supply Nation, as a committed advocate and board member, since our beginning in 2008, and I am thrilled she will remain on the board."

To see the full board of directors and read Michael's bio, please click [here](#)

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Who we are

Supply Nation is the Australian leader in supplier diversity and is proud to be the first and pre-eminent supplier diversity organisation in Australia. Since 2009, Supply Nation has worked with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander businesses and procurement teams from government and corporate Australia to help shape today's emerging and rapidly evolving Indigenous business sector.

Supply Nation's world-leading 5-step verification process provides peace of mind by ensuring that all businesses listed on Indigenous Business Direct (with over 1900 suppliers) are not only Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander owned but are regularly audited for changes in company structure.

Supply Nation partners with its paid membership of government, corporate and NFP organisations to develop procurement policies that modify and redirect spend to include the traditionally underutilised Indigenous business sector.

For further information about Supply Nation, visit supplynation.org.au

Interviews available

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