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PRESS RELEASE

Toowoomba Chamber of Commerce CEO appointed to the Board of SunWater

The Toowoomba Chamber of Commerce is excited to announce CEO Jo Sheppard as the most recent Board Member of SunWater.

Sunwater is a bulk water infrastructure developer and manager, playing a key role in Australia's water industry, owning and managing around \$13 billion in water infrastructure assets and supplying approximately 40% of all water used commercially in Queensland.

With a focus on total water solutions, SunWater has developed and now manages a regional network of bulk water supply infrastructure that spans across Queensland to support around 5,000 customers across mining, power generation, industrial, local government and irrigated agriculture sectors.

The Palaszczuk Government used the recent regional event 'Women on Boards' to announce Toowoomba's Jo Sheppard would be appointed to the board of Sunwater.

"Jo is the CEO of Toowoomba Chamber of Commerce and former Mayor of Paroo Shire and will make a stellar addition to the Sunwater team," the Premier said.

Premier Annastacia Palaszczuk has called for more women in Toowoomba across the Darling Downs region to step into the boardroom at all levels of the public, private and not-for-profit sectors.

Queensland Government bodies have gender diversity targets for 50 per cent representation of women on boards by 2020.

Toowoomba Chamber of Commerce President Joy Mingay is delighted to see Jo's talents recognized by the Premier with this appointment.

"She is a terrific CEO and has certainly made her mark on the Toowoomba Chamber of Commerce as a strong advocate for small business in our city," said Joy.

Jo Sheppard will commence in her directorship on 1st October and continue in her role of CEO with the Toowoomba Chamber of Commerce, advocating on behalf of the Toowoomba Business Community.

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