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WELCOMING OUR CHRISTMAS ISLAND ECONOMIC FUTURE WORKING GROUP

I am pleased to welcome the new members of the Christmas Island Economic Future Working Group, who have put up their hands to help advise on the strategic direction of our island, following the recent expression of interest process.

The Working Group is bringing together individuals from across industry, business and the community with government, to inform and identify practical solutions to the economic challenges facing CI.

The following representatives each bring a wealth of experience and expertise to the table, and showcase the diversity of backgrounds and knowledge that makes up our community. As well as the three community members selected through the EOI, key organisations have also nominated their representatives for this important forum.

- Azli Albashri
- Peter Griggs
- Alex Jansen
- Shire of Christmas Island, *to be advised*
- PRL Managing Director, Lai Ah Hong
- IOT Regional Development Organisation Treasurer, Thomas Battcher
- Christmas Island and Cocos (Keeling) Islands Parks Manager, Derek Ball
- Christmas Island Business Association Chairperson, Nicholas Gan
- Christmas Island Tourism Association committee member, Patricia Power
- IOT Administration Director, Ian McKendrick

I have no doubt our shared passion for our region, and commitment to its sustainable future will support fruitful outcomes built on collaboration and mutual respect. As Chair of the Committee, I look forward to working closely with the group's members over the coming year, to develop a collective voice on our vision for the future of Christmas Island.

We will meet every two months, with the first meeting anticipated to take place in September and will keep the community updated on the outcomes of our engagements.

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