

A message from Supply Nation's CEO

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It's with some sadness, but also with a sense of immense pride in Supply Nation's accomplishments, achieved through the amazing team I am lucky to be surrounded by, that I announce that after seven years it's time for me to step down as CEO later this year and hand over to new leadership.

I've always said that I have the best job in Australia – and that rings true as much today as it did when I sat at my desk on my first day as CEO. So much has changed over the past seven years, and like many people, I've had time to reflect more recently on 'what's next?'.

Of course, this decision has not come lightly as I have been involved with Supply Nation since its inception, and I remain a passionate advocate for the Indigenous business sector and fostering supplier diversity here in Australia and across the globe.

I'm a firm believer that change is a good and healthy thing. It brings innovation, opportunity and 'fresh eyes' on the horizon. I feel very fortunate to be making this decision at a time when our organisation is in such a great position.

I've been blessed to lead this organisation and an incredible team of dedicated and passionate individuals, who have, together with all of you, helped us grow this organisation during my tenure from 15 to 40 employees, 350 to 3,567 Indigenous suppliers and 120 to 636 members across corporate, government and the not-for-profit sectors today! I'm so proud that in the last financial year alone, those members have spent \$2.3bn dollars with Supply Nation Indigenous suppliers.

We've achieved much as a team, and as a sector, and there is still so much more to be done!

I am grateful for the unwavering support of my Chairman, Michael McLeod and the Supply Nation Board. The Board will be undertaking a recruitment process for my replacement, and I will be working closely with the board and my team to ensure there is a smooth transition, and our new CEO has all the support they need as they settle into the role.

I'd like to thank you for your ongoing support and hope I have a chance to see you at our flagship event for the Indigenous business sector, Connect, on Wednesday 25 May 2022 in Sydney.

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