

Media release

Supply Nation appoints three new Directors

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Supply Nation Co-Chairs, Glenn Johnston and Scott Wharton, have announced the appointment of three independent non-executive Directors. Damien Barnes, Anne Templeman-Jones and Aaron Fa'Aoso, who will join the Board commencing Monday 7 August 2023.

"We're proud to welcome Anne, Damien and Aaron to the Supply Nation Board," Mr Johnston said. "All three have extensive business experience, and Damien and Aaron are highly respected leaders in the Australian Indigenous community. Our three new Directors bring valuable experience to further enhance and balance the diverse skills on the Board, and advance our vision of a prosperous, vibrant and sustainable Indigenous business sector."

Anne Templeman-Jones: Ms Templeman-Jones is a director of the Commonwealth Bank of Australia, Worley Limited, New South Wales Treasury Corporation, the Cyber Security Research Centre Ltd and Trifork AG, and an Ambassador for the Indigenous Marathon Foundation. Anne brings a wealth of experience as an executive and non-executive director in strategy, risk and governance, financial management, customer service, cyber security, AI and complex supply chains. Anne is a Chartered Accountant with a Masters in Risk Management having served companies in Australia, the USA, Switzerland, Belgium and in diverse sectors including banking and insurance, health and education, engineering services in the energy sector, consumer and manufacturing, agribusiness and next-generation IT services and solutions. During her 30-year executive career, Anne held a number of leadership positions in corporate and private banking with domestic and offshore banks including Westpac Banking Corporation, Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Ltd and Bank of Singapore. Anne is the former Chairman of Commonwealth Bank's financial advice companies and has also served on the boards of Blackmores Ltd as Chair, and is a former Director of GUD Holdings Limited, the Citadel Group Ltd, Cuscal Ltd, HT&E Limited, Pioneer Credit Ltd, Notre Dame University, TAL Superannuation Fund and HBF's private and general insurance companies.

Aaron Fa'Aoso: Mr Fa'Aoso is a director of SBS, Screen Queensland, Interim Truth & Treaty Body (QLD), and the Indigenous Connections Committee of the National Film and Sound Archive of Australia. He is a film producer, director, screenwriter, and actor. Since 2013 he has been the Managing Director of his own production company, Lone Star. Aaron is the producer and presenter of Strait to the Plate, an NITV SBS Food series featuring the culture and culinary traditions of the Torres Strait. Aaron has also starred in many films and TV series. Aaron actively supports and mentors other film practitioners and was previously a board member of Media RING—an industry group that developed and enhanced career opportunities for First Nations Australians in the media. He is also the ambassador of the Cairns Indigenous Art Fair. Aaron is a proud Torres Strait Islander committed to working with, and for the benefit of, driving positive change for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. He holds a Masters Degree of Film Business from the Australian Film, Television and Radio School.

Damien Barnes: Mr Barnes is the founder and Managing Director of YIMBA Legal & Consulting. He is the Chair of Westpac's Indigenous Advisory Council, Member of Westpac's Stakeholder Advisory Council, Chair of Nguluway DesignInc Pty Ltd, a Director of The Aboriginal Housing Office NSW and a Member of UTS' Indigenous Industry

Advisory Group, Faculty of Design, Architecture and Building. He has been a Director of The National Centre of Indigenous Excellence, Bangarra Dance Theatre, the Australian Indigenous Leadership Centre, a Member of the NSW Law Society Indigenous Issues Committee and a founding member of Ngalaya Indigenous Lawyers Association. Damien has an extensive background in law, commercial management and engineering, providing advice on a range of areas including: infrastructure; construction; transport; resources; renewables; environment; Indigenous Business; native title; cultural heritage; RAPs and ESG. His employment experience includes; King & Wood Mallesons, DLA Piper, UGL, Power Minerals, NTSCorp and government. Damien is a Bidjara man from central QLD with family connection to Woorabinda and he provides extensive pro bono assistance to Indigenous communities and organisations. He holds an Executive MBA, Law Degree, a Civil Engineering Degree and a Graduate Certificate in Indigenous Leadership.

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 4,300 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.

From Monday 7 August 2023, the Supply Nation Board will be:

- Glenn Johnston, Co-Chair
- Scott Wharton, Co-Chair
- Michael McLeod, Director
- Penny Bingham-Hall, Director
- Anita Lee Hong, Director
- Matthew Lunn, Director
- Anne Templeman-Jones, Director
- Aaron Fa'Aoso, Director
- Damien Barnes, Director

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