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Dear Fairbairn Irrigation Network Customer,

As you are aware, Fairbairn Irrigation Network Ltd (FIN) has been actively recruiting for a General Manager since we transitioned on 1 July last year. This has involved an extensive recruitment process using local and professional resources, shortlisting and interviewing some very talented candidates from across Australia.

FIN is now delighted to announce the appointment of Geoff Beard as its fulltime General Manager, effective 4 May 2020.

Geoff has been working with FIN since July 2019 as the Acting General Manager and is a highly experienced executive and collaborative leader with extensive expertise in irrigation and scheme management. We enthusiastically welcome Geoff to the position and look forward to his leadership in the next phase of FIN's development.

Geoff comes to FIN after eighteen months with Theodore Water where he played an integral role in ensuring Theodore Water's successful operation post-transition to Local Management. Prior to Theodore, he served at Murrumbidgee Irrigation Pty Ltd for over 30 years, working in a variety of roles including Operations Executive and Acting CEO. He was responsible for leading the Irrigation Services, Infrastructure Services and Asset Management functions, including the establishment of standards, implementation and integration of supply and drainage services, asset maintenance and asset renewal programs.

This is an exciting appointment for FIN and we are confident that in Geoff we have the right person to lead our company for the benefit of all customers and stakeholders. Geoff and his wife Ros will be relocating from Theodore to Emerald over the next few months and we invite you to welcome them to the Emerald community as we take this next step in our journey.

Kind regards



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