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INDUSTRY WELCOMES BRISBANE AIRPORT CEO JULIEANNE ALROE AS NEW INFRASTRUCTURE AUSTRALIA CHAIR - FAREWELLS & THANKS MARK BIRRELL

The national infrastructure sector welcomed the appointment of Brisbane Airport CEO Julieanne Alroe, who was announced as the replacement for retiring Chairman Mark Birrell today.

"Julieanne Alroe is an outstanding choice to lead Infrastructure Australia's Board," said IPA Chief Executive Brendan Lyon.

"With a career spanning aviation infrastructure, Julieanne brings deep experience in regulated infrastructure markets and in the financing and delivery of major projects.

"The very heavy political overlay to the infrastructure debate needs another strong, resilient and independent leader for Infrastructure Australia, and Julieanne has all of these characteristics.

"Julieanne will bring new perspectives but allow continuity of approach, given she's served on the Infrastructure Australia Board since 2014."

Mr Lyon said Australia owes a great debt to Mark Birrell for his optimism and rigour leading Infrastructure Australia.

"Mark Birrell has made a life-long contribution to the infrastructure sector and left a legacy of great projects and focussed reforms.

"He has dedicated his life to infrastructure policy and public administration and is into his tenth year on the Infrastructure Australia Board and fourth year as Chairman.

"IA's priority list of major projects and its landmark Australian Infrastructure Plan have been overwhelmingly endorsed and are a tribute to Mark's vision and professional approach.

"The national infrastructure sector extends its warm congratulations to Julieanne Alroe and our profound thanks to Mark Birrell for his respected and independent leadership."

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