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New Faces To Lead Canberra Business Chamber

The ACT's peak business body, Canberra Business Chamber, has a new Chairman and Chief Executive Officer.

Following its annual general meeting last week, long serving Board member Archie Tsirimokos has been elected Chair, taking on the role previously held by Glenn Keys, who has retired from the position after four years.

Current Board members Keith Cantlie and Lorcan Murphy will continue in their roles as Deputy Chair and Treasurer, respectively, for a second term.

"The Canberra Business Chamber Board is excited about what the future holds for business in Canberra," Mr Tsirimokos said. "We will continue to work with our members, advocating for business and delivering on our vision for Canberra, as outlined in the Destination 2030 blueprint.

"Supporting this vision, we are delighted to have someone of Dr Schaper's experience and calibre joining us as Chief Executive Officer in early January 2019."

Dr Michael Schaper will be replacing outgoing CEO Robyn Hendry, who finished a four-year term at the helm of the CBC in September.

Dr Schaper has a long track record in working, advising and advocating for business in the capital region, and at the national level.

For the past ten years, he held the key role of Deputy Chair at the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission, with specific responsibility for small business, franchising, and industry and professional associations. Dr Schaper also served as the ACT's inaugural Small Business Commissioner and has worked extensively in the university sector in key leadership roles focused on business and entrepreneurship development.

"As the voice of business for Canberra and region, it's important that the Chamber continues to support and advocate for business. We need to ensure the sector continues to prosper and is ready to meet the rapidly changing global environment," Dr Schaper said. "We all have a role to play in promoting and advocating for Canberra and the region."

"A key component will be continuing to understand the needs of business and of our members, to assist their continued growth, and to advocate for Canberra as a great place to do business."

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