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NRM North Welcomes New Chief Executive Officer

NRM North's new Chief Executive Officer, Rosanna Coombes, is looking forward to re-engaging with the community in northern Tasmania.

Mrs Coombes started in the role last week and replaces James McKee who resigned to take up a position within the Coordinator General's office.

Mrs Coombes is MBA qualified and has more than 26 years' experience as a senior administrator and leader in both the private and public sectors in Australia and the United States.

Mrs Coombes has lived in the United States for the past 15 years. She worked in Reno, Nevada as CEO of the Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency, a regional government organisation chartered to work with local governments and a range of stakeholders to plan and manage land use, natural resources and infrastructure provision in a coordinated fashion.

In the late 1980s and 90s, Mrs Coombes worked in Tasmania in various roles in agriculture and natural resource management. She spent more than 10 years with the Department of Primary Industry, Parks, Water, and Environment as an Agricultural Economist, Landcare Executive Officer, Manager of the Livestock Development Branch and Director of Industry Development.

"I am really excited to be back in Tasmania and looking forward to re-engaging with key stakeholders in the community," Mrs Coombes said.

"NRM North is a fantastic organisation with proven results in NRM and passionate staff and I am pleased to be able to lead the organisation into its next phase."

Her areas of expertise include resource management, land use planning, community and economic development, public policy development, regulation and compliance, environmental sustainability, community engagement and strategic planning.

NRM North's Chairman, James Walch, said Mrs Coombes was a valuable addition to the NRM North team.

"Rosanna's "can-do" attitude and demonstrated capabilities in facilitation, negotiation, organisational operations, program management and change management makes her an ideal CEO to lead us into the future."

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