Early in 2022, John Loughlin informed Council members that he would not be renewing his responsibilities as the Chairman of MIA Council when his current term ended in mid-2022.

MIA is grateful to John for his contribution and acknowledges the depth of industry and governance experience that he has brought to the role.

Council members met in February and appointed a panel of four Councillors to conduct the process of appointing a replacement Chair for MIA Council. This included the appointment of Jackson Stone, a Wellington based recruitment specialist to assist.

In May, the panel conducted interviews with four short listed candidates then recommended to a meeting of Council members on 3 June that Nathan Guy be appointed as the new Chair of MIA. This was confirmed.

Nathan Guy has been appointed for an initial term of three years and will succeed John Loughlin following the Red Meat Sector Conference on 1 August 2022.

Attached below is a press release which is embargoed until 8am Monday 27 June
Media release

27 June 2022

Nathan Guy appointed Chairman of Meat Industry Association as John Loughlin steps down

Former Primary Industries Minister Nathan Guy has been appointed the new Chairman of the Meat Industry Association following the retirement of current Chairman John Loughlin from the role.

Mr Loughlin finishes his six-year term after the annual Red Meat Sector Conference in Christchurch on 31 July-1 August 2022.

“It has been a privilege to serve as MIA chair for the last six years,” says Mr Loughlin.

“This was a time of challenge and opportunity and it has been great to be part of the red meat sector working cohesively and contributing to the wider primary sector.

Mr Guy has a strong primary sector background and understands the challenges and opportunities that primary industries face, he says.

“As a former Crown Minister, including as the Minister for Primary Industries, Nathan brings his experience, understanding, networking and relationship skills to the role.”

Mr Guy says he is looking forward to taking a lead in the sector and working with a range of stakeholders to keep driving the red meat industry forward.

“As the incoming Chairman, and on behalf of the Meat Industry Association, I’d like to thank John for his contribution and acknowledge the depth of industry and governance experience that he has brought to the role.

“We have been fortunate to have had his leadership as the sector has negotiated a number of industry challenges, which have included managing the impacts of Covid-19 on the sector and addressing agriculture’s approach to greenhouse gas emissions.”

The MIA is a trade association representing the country’s red meat processors, marketers, and exporters. Its role is to provide leadership, tools, and a strong, credible voice to help ensure a vibrant and profitable red meat sector.

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