

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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Attention: News Editor

### **GSDC Board appointment**

Former port authorities chief Brad Williamson has been appointed to the Board of the Great Southern Development Commission (GSDC).

Regional Development Minister Alannah MacTiernan made Mr Williamson a Ministerial appointee to the Board at the end of November.

GSDC Chair Ross Thornton welcomed Mr Williamson's appointment and said his presence on the Board would support its continuing work to promote economic and social development in the Great Southern.

"Mr Williamson brings extensive experience to the role, in both the private and public sectors, and I look forward to his contributions to the work of the Board," Mr Thornton said.

Mr Williamson was Chief Executive Officer of the Albany Port Authority from 2002 to 2014 and then the General Manager of the Port of Albany from 2014 to 2016.

Since 2017, he has worked as a private consultant on port and marine issues.

He has served on the committees of various community organisations including the Australia Day Council, Great Southern Grammar School and the Albany Aero Club.

GSDC Board members serve three-year terms. One third of members are appointed at Ministerial discretion, one third are drawn from elected members of local governments in the region and one third are appointed through community nomination.

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