

QUEENSLAND MUSEUM NETWORK

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Queensland Museum CEO named new Queensland Chief Scientist

Professor Suzanne Miller, CEO and Director of the Queensland Museum Network, was yesterday announced as the new Queensland Chief Scientist.

Professor Miller said she was delighted and humbled by this honour.

“This is a very exciting opportunity for me, and I look forward to working closely with the Queensland Government to champion science,” Professor Miller said.

“I thoroughly enjoy my role at the Queensland Museum Network and will take on this new role, while continuing as the museum CEO.

“I’m looking forward to the challenge of the dual roles, and am confident I have the necessary support from both organisations.”

With physics, mathematics, chemistry and biological sciences contributing \$330 billion to the Australian economy each year, Professor Miller said she would ensure science and innovation increasingly meet Queensland’s economic challenges.

“Science is incredibly useful; the knowledge it generates is powerful and reliable, and can be used to develop new technologies, treat diseases, and tackle many other challenges,” Professor Miller said.

Professor Miller said through public programming like the World Science Festival Brisbane and the Queensland Government’s Advance Queensland initiatives, the state is increasingly recognised as a smart region and home to world class research and investment opportunities.

“Through my two complementary roles, I will continue to engage Queensland communities and help them better understand the importance of science, research and innovation to the state’s future wellbeing.”

David Conry, Chair of the Board of the Queensland Museum said the board was immensely pleased by the announcement of Professor Suzanne Miller’s joint appointment.

“Suzanne has brought enormous value to the Queensland Museum Network, and I’m sure the role of Queensland Chief Scientist will benefit from her tireless energy, boundless enthusiasm and dedication to science.

“There are many synergies between these joint appointments, and we are excited to see the new opportunities this arrangement will bring to the Queensland Museum Network.”

About Professor Suzanne Miller

Suzanne commenced as CEO of the Queensland Museum Network and Director of the Queensland Museum in July 2013, after six years leading the South Australia Museum as Director. Previously, the Edinburgh native spent 12 years with National Museums Scotland, latterly as Keeper of Natural Sciences. She was also an Honorary Research Fellow in Earth Sciences with the University of Aberdeen and a Lecturer in Earth Sciences with the Open University.

Suzanne is a Fellow of the Geological Society of London; Fellow of the Mineralogical Society; Fellow of the Royal Society of South Australia; Fellow of the Australian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy; Fellow of the Geological Society of Australia; and Fellow of the Queensland Academy of Arts and Science.

She is an Honorary Professor of The University of Queensland and is also Deputy Chair and the Australian Representative on the Board of Scientific Collections International (an OECD Global Science Forum initiative); and a member of the National Research Infrastructure Roadmap Expert Working Group; Chair of the Council of Australasian Museum Directors; the Cooperative Research Centres Committee; and the National Cultural Heritage Committee.

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