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Murrumbidgee Irrigation

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MI BOARD NOMINATIONS OPEN

Nominations opened last week for two member-elected director positions on Murrumbidgee Irrigation (MI)'s Board. This year Tony Sergi who is an A class member-director completes his first four year term and is eligible for re-election; and current Chairman Dick Thompson, one of the B class member-elected directors, completes his second four year term at the completion of the 2009 Annual General Meeting and is not eligible for re-election under the Constitution.

Since MI'S formation as a public company in 1999, the Board has comprised of eight directors;- four member directors directly elected by postal ballot; a community independent director appointed by the four shareholder-elected directors; two independent directors and the Managing Director.

"There's an enormous amount of pressure and change occurring in the irrigation and water industries currently and the role of MI's Board is to steer the company through these often competing requirements and objectives in the best interests of the company as a whole, both in the short and long term," advised Dorian Radue, Company Secretary and Executive Manager, Corporate Services.

"For member-elected directors who are themselves farmers and members of the MIA community, serving on the Board can be particularly challenging as well as rewarding," continued Ms Radue.

Tony Sergi will be standing again for the A class member-director position. "I have seen many changes in our industry over the last few years from a number of influences including less rainfall in our catchments, changes in government and increasing compliance demands. Balancing Board commitments and farm work can be a bit of a challenge at times but I am keen to see our region prosper, and I see more work that we need to do to ensure this."

Applications for nominations close Monday 21 September and candidates must be nominated and seconded by relevant shareholders in their class. Once nominations close, a postal ballot will take place with results announced at MI's AGM on Monday 30th November. Further information is available on MI's website or reception or by contacting the Executive Manager, Corporate Services.

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