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New leader appointed

ADVANCE Cairns has appointed an urban planning expert from Brisbane with a PhD in philosophy as its new chief executive after a months-long recruitment process.

Paul Sparshott is set to take the helm of the regional advocacy group on April 9, with existing executive chairman Nick Trompf transitioning to a pure chairman role a fortnight later.

Dr Sparshott's private advisory firm, Katarno, has worked on projects including Gold Coast light rail, the development of eco-towns and other transport initiatives.

Mr Trompf said his new chief had an extensive track record in developing, investing and delivering major infrastructure and building projects in Australia and internationally.

"He has worked in senior roles for some of Australia's largest infrastructure development and investment companies, including Thiess, John Holland, Leighton Asia and Rest Superannuation Fund," Mr Trompf said.

"Paul's specific project development experience includes roads, rail, water and energy infrastructure, defence, ports and airports, hospitals, residential and commercial buildings, resorts and hotels. Paul's more recent passion is developing new sustainable towns and communities and he has a PhD on this topic."

Dr Sparshott said he was excited to take on the role because it would let him use skills and experience gained over many years.

"North Queensland has amazing natural and physical competitive advantages and has some of the most genuine people in Australia," he said

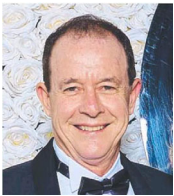
"It is safe, relatively unspoilt, and ripe for economic development.

"However, FNQ has consistently missed out on infrastructure investment and development, and hopefully I can assist in this area.

"We also need to ensure we develop our region sustainably whilst maintaining our excellent liveability and protecting our unique environment.

"It will also be great to live closer to my son, daughter-in-law and grandchildren.

"My son is a flying doctor with the RFDS and I'm sure the extra family support will be appreciated."



New CEOs have also recently joined Cairns Regional Council, RDA Tropical North and Sea Swift.

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