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Tina Symmans to step down from Telecom executive

Telecom has today announced that Tina Symmans is to step down from her position as Director of Corporate Relations.

As Telecom completes the separation of Chorus on 30 November, Symmans has elected to leave the company in order to focus on new opportunities. She will stay on in her position as a director of the Telecom Foundation.

"Tina has done an exceptional job during one of the most significant periods of change in Telecom's history. She has led a notable improvement in the Company's relationships with key stakeholders, including government and the media," said Paul Reynolds, Telecom CEO.

"She was a key player in securing Telecom's position in the UFB project and her job now reaches a natural conclusion. However, I am pleased that Tina will be continuing with her role as a director of the Telecom Foundation, which she was instrumental in establishing, and ensures she will retain an important role at Telecom as we move into the next phase."

Tina joined Telecom in 2008, and led the Corporate Relations team that included Telecom's media relations, government relations, internal communications and community relations functions.

"I am proud of what Telecom has achieved over the last four years but feel that having achieved an important milestone in the company's history, now is the right time for me to look at other opportunities," said Tina Symmans. "I believe the company has a bright future after demerger and I am pleased to be leaving having completed the job I was brought in to do."

Telecom will now move ahead with establishing a new role of Corporate Services Director.

“We will now commence a selection process to fill the newly-established Corporate Services Director position, which I expect to fill in the first half of next calendar year,” said Paul Reynolds.

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