

## STATEMENT

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### **Symone Mansfield steps down from the Transition Team.**

On 25 February 2019, Symone Mansfield of Tissue Culture Australia stepped down from the Transition Team which is working towards establishing a new national body.

In her statement, Symone said:

“It is with regret that I have stepped down from the Transition Team today.

This has been a difficult decision, however one that I must make at this critical time of our own business operations, which are also in a period of significant transition.

I support the NGI network’s consensus to move to a new national organisation and I stand by my comments that a hybrid national body can protect and secure the future of our diverse industry.

I encourage all my industry colleagues to consider the factual details of the national hybrid model as they become available. This model will raise the profile of our industry; deliver value for members; and will give you choice and flexibility in how you engage with our national peak body.

I wish the Transition Team all the best as they embark on the development of the Information Memorandum and look forward to reviewing the details before our opportunity to vote in June.”

In response to Symone’s resignation, Russ Higginbotham, Transition Team Chairman said:

“Undoubtedly, Symone has much to offer our Industry. Her experience and industry knowledge was the reason for her nomination to the Transition Team.

Those skills are needed at this time within the walls of her organisation, a respected Member business, during their own time of change.

We fully understand and support her decision but are certain the task ahead of the Team will still be comprehensively accomplished.

We wish Symone all the best and consider her obvious leadership potential a great indicator of our Industry’s future.”

Symone’s position in the Transition Team will not be filled. Transition Team activities will continue as planned

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If you have any questions with regards to this statement, please contact Russ Higginbotham, Transition Team Chair or Kobie Keenan at [structureview@ngia.com.au](mailto:structureview@ngia.com.au).