



At the RealSteel function, AQA/IOQ 2018 conference: Wayne Scott (right) with Les Ward, Mimico (middle); and George Kelchner, Road Metals

AQA new chief appointed

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Original press release from AQA chair Jared Johnston.

I am very pleased to report that today's AQA Board meeting has unanimously confirmed the appointment of Wayne Scott as our new Chief Executive, effective from Monday October 1.

We appointed Wayne from a field of outstanding candidates on the basis that he will continue to also be CEO of MinEx – a role that has introduced him to many of you.

This reflects both Wayne's outstanding qualities and the Board's view that this dual role can serve the interests of both the AQA and MinEx. There are also considerable efficiency gains to be had from combining forces, providing real value to our membership.

Wayne will continue to be based at the Wellington offices of the minerals industry organisation, Straterra and we will be looking to the appointment of a capable person to take up some of his current duties with MinEx.

Straterra will provide increased office support to both AQA and MinEx. Wayne will be operating independently on policy and planning issues and will report to the AQA Board on delivery of AQA's Business Plan.

The board is pleased to have been able to work with MinEx and Straterra to achieve this outcome, to remain independent but to benefit from the experience and capability in those organisations.

This will mean Wayne Scott can continue to provide oversight to the huge range of important work on health and safety he has developed in his 15 months at MinEx, while allowing him to devote significant time to the AQA.

We believe Wayne was the best candidate for the role and have been prepared to work with him and the MinEx board to bring together arrangements that will see both organisations benefit.

While Wayne will continue to work with quarries on improving their health and safety, he will also provide a new focus for the AQA in engaging with industry, as well as with Government, councils and communities.