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Dr Robert Smith BScFor (Hons), MBA, MSc, PhD

Commissioner from 16 November 2007 to 15 November 2012.

An experienced for exter whose knowledge of sustainable and profitable use of natural resources spans more than forty years. Dr Smith has held senior management positions in NSW and Victorian government agencies in forestry, natural resource management and finance, including Managing Director of State Forests (NSW) and Director-General NSW Department of Land and Water Conservation.

Bob is First Super's independent director and chair of the Audit & Compliance Committee.

For over 40 years, Bob Smith has participated in progressing the sustainable and profitable use of natural resources in Australia and internationally. Over this period, Bob has held a number of leadership positions in organisations responsible for forestry, finance, land and water management and commercialisation of environmental services including carbon. Bob's qualifications include: Bachelor of Science (Forestry) (Hon.1), Master of Science (Resource Science), Doctorate of Philosophy (Resource Economics) and an MBA.

Bob Smith is currently the independent director of First Super Pty Ltd, Forestry Tasmania, Leaf Carbon Pty Ltd and Acting Commissioner Land and Environment Court (NSW).

Dr Bob Smith

Bob is now an independent forestry consultant after being Chief Executive of both the Victorian and New South Wales public forest growers.

Dr Robert (Bob) Smith

Dr Smith is a resource economist and one of Australia's most experienced forestry experts. He was a Director on the board of VicForests, the Victorian state forestry agency. He is also a former Director General of the New South Wales Department of Land and Water Conservation and Managing Director of State Forests New South Wales. Dr Smith has over 30 years' experience in the forestry sector in Australia. Dr Smith has extensive work experience and academic qualifications in public forest management, certification systems, management and organizational reviews, forestry, water and environmental service markets. He has overseen the development and implementation of legislation, policy and programs for forestry and natural resource management.

Dr Smith also has extensive experience in water resource management. As the Director General of the New South Wales Department of Land and Water Conservation, he oversaw the management of surface and ground water in that state. He managed the delivery of water for consumptive uses and for environmental flows, the introduction of new legislation for water management and instituted processes for wider community involvement in water resources management. Dr Smith also has expertise in effective integrated catchment management. He was a Commissioner on the Murray Darling Basin Commission from 1996 to 2003 and held the position of Deputy President from 2001 to 2003.