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The Real Estate Institute of the ACT is pleased to announce the appointment of the Institute's new Chief Executive Officer

Hannah Gill, REI ACT President, recently announced the appointment of Maria Edwards to take on the CEO role, after the departure of Michelle Tynan in October 2022.

Ms Gill said "We are delighted to welcome Maria to the CEO position. After an extensive and detailed recruitment process, it was clear Maria demonstrated the diversity of skills and experience required to support the continue work and success of the REI ACT and our members. Maria has actively participated in the REI ACT's advocacy work at both a National and local level, as a REI ACT Board Member, demonstrating her commitment and insight to guide the REI ACT's policy positions and representation into the future." Ms Gill said.

Maria Edwards will officially join the REI ACT on the 9th January, 2023.

Maria started her real estate career in 2006, and joins the REI ACT from her role as Business Development Manager at HomeGround Real Estate Canberra. Maria brings a broad understanding of both the private, affordable and community housing sectors across the ACT and a genuine commitment to supporting effective and collaborative relationships throughout her career. Maria has won multiple industry awards both locally and nationally and holds a Diploma in Leadership and Management, is a Licensed Real Estate agent in the ACT and NSW, along with completing a Certificate IV in Property Services.

Ms Edwards said "I'm so grateful to have been appointed - the CEO role is for me the perfect opportunity to utilise my experience and truly represent our members, having walked in their shoes for many years I understand the challenges faced by our sector. I look forward to working with the Board, Agencies, Community Housing Providers, industry stakeholders and the Government to implement practical solutions through meaningful consultation and advocacy - I cannot wait to get started."

The appointment of Maria Edwards marks an exciting new chapter for the Institute. The REI ACT Board are looking forward to working with Maria to support the Institute's continue success, our

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