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Quick start for new City CEO

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NEW Canning City chief executive Mark Dacombe is looking forward to serving its residents after years spent doing the same in New Zealand.

Mr Dacombe took up the position on February 23, and got straight to business with a council meeting the next evening.

He brings 30 years of experience to the job, with a career working for the smallest and largest councils in New Zealand, with involvement in projects in long-term city planning, and in the Policy Advisory Group helping former Prime Minister Helen Clark.

Mr Dacombe said it was refreshing to return to the world of local government after a short hiatus, especially in a different location.

"I was ready to take on another local government management role after having had two years out of the sector," he said.

"My wife and I had for some time been interested in opportunities in Australia and were attracted by the lifestyle and climate of WA."

Although still in the beginning phase of the job, Mr Dacombe acknowledged some things that needed dealing with in the near future.

"Immediately, we all have some challenges in the global economic situation and I will be looking at how the City can do its bit to help keep the local economy moving," he said.

"My initial impressions of the organisation are very positive and I am looking forward to working with the City of Canning political and professional team."



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