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SENIOR CANADIAN PUBLIC SERVANT OFFERS LEADERSHIP ADVICE TO QUEENSLAND'S GOVERNMENT ORGANISATIONS

Leading Canadian public servant Mr Brian Marson will address Queensland public servants this week on what makes an effective public sector leader and what communities expect of government employees.

Mr Marson will present findings from Canada's leading edge 'Citizens First' research which delves into the expectations of public sector leaders and public organisations at the Institute of Public Administration Australia (IPAA) Queensland State Conference this Friday.

Mr Marson said that Canada is well known for its forward thinking government led programs and people in Canada have a higher than average opinion of their public servants compared with other western countries.

"This is due to the time and resources we invest in community consultation and in turn develop positive change programs to better serve the community," he said.

As part of an IPAA Queensland sponsored tour, Mr Marson, a Senior Advisor for the Treasury Board of Canada, will also visit Cairns and Townsville next week to speak to North Queensland public servants.

Mr Marson has served as the National President of the Institute of Public Administration of Canada and is intimately aware of the issues, concerns and challenges faced by public sector employees.

"It is a big challenge to get the balance right between what the community, elected representatives and public sector leaders all want and expect, and it is a matter of always gaining citizen trust and confidence in public organisations.

IPAA Queensland, the state's membership body for public sector employees, arranged for Brian Marson to visit both Cairns and Townsville during his Australian trip this month.

IPAA Queensland Acting Chief Executive Officer David Brennan said Mr Marson will be an insightful and motivational speaker for guests.

"We invited Mr Marson to speak at our State Conference as he is recognised as an international authority on excellence in public administration," Mr Brennan said.

"Mr Marson's research on effective public sector leaders will provide an insight for Queensland's public service employees," he said.

During his trip to Australia, Mr Marson will also speak at the IPAA New South Wales Annual General Meeting in Sydney and a Brisbane City Council presentation.

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