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Former Northern Territory chief minister Michael Gunner is the latest big name to quit the **Fortescue** iron ore and green energy group chaired by Andrew "Twiggy" Forrest.

Mr Gunner announced his decision on Thursday, citing personal reasons.

"Some big personal news. I have made the decision to leave **Fortescue**," he said in a Facebook post.

"Working for Andrew and **Fortescue** was an incredible opportunity - a dynamic company with a bold green energy vision."

The retired Labor politician, who lives in Darwin, joined **Fortescue** Future Industries in October 2022 after stepping down as the territory's Labor leader several months earlier.

He said the travel and time away from his wife and children had become too difficult to manage.

"I will always be a friend of the **Fortescue** family and an advocate for **Fortescue** and the path they are forging," he said.

"I'm taking a bit of time before deciding with the family what I do next and am now reporting for lunch box duty."

A **Fortescue** group spokeswoman confirmed Mr Gunner's resignation and said it wished him well.

Mr Gunner served as the NT chief minister from 2016 until he resigned from the post in May 2022, leaving politics soon after.

His departure is the latest in a slew of recent leadership exits from the **Fortescue** group.

These have included Fiona Hick, who left after six months as **Fortescue** Metal's group chief executive.

Former Reserve Bank deputy governor Guy Debelle quit after 17 months with the group and chief financial officer Christine Morris departed just two months into that role.

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