



Gunner pulls pin on Fortescue Future

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Former chief minister Michael Gunner has left Australian billionaire Andrew "Twiggy" Forrest's renewable energy company less than six months after being promoted to head up the company's national operations.

Mr Gunner joined **Fortescue** Future Industries in November 2022 to lead a new Northern Australia team, before moving into an Australia West director role in April, overseeing work across Western Australia, South Australia and the NT.

In August last year he was promoted again to Australian director, but on Thursday he announced his resignation from the company, saying that it was "too difficult" to manage the travel demands of the job with his young family.

"Some big personal news. I have made the decision to leave **Fortescue**," Mr Gunner said on Facebook.

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

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

"After taking on the Australian director role in August it meant more travel away from Darwin and the family, which I found too difficult.

"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** spokesman said: "We respect Michael's decision, and his personal reasons for making it and wish him and his family well."

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