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### **Australian Payments Council appoints Robert Milliner as Chairman**

The Australian Payments Council, the strategic coordination body for the Australian payments industry, is pleased to announce the appointment of Robert Milliner as independent non-executive Chairman effective 10 September 2018.

Mr Milliner is currently an independent director of AusNet Services Ltd, and the Global Infrastructure Hub Ltd (a G20 initiative), Chairman of the Board of the Foundation for Young Australians and a member of the APEC Business Advisory Council. He is also a Senior Adviser at UBS and a Senior Adviser to the Secretary General of the International Chamber of Commerce.

Mr Milliner is also an Honorary Member of the Business Council of Australia and member of the Economic Policy and Competitiveness and Energy and Climate Change Committees. From 2004 to 2011, he was Chief Executive Partner of Australia's pre-eminent international law firm Mallesons Stephen Jaques (now King & Wood Mallesons). Prior to this, he specialized in energy, infrastructure and mergers & acquisitions. Since 2013, he has been a significant participant in the Business 20 (B20) advising G20 Governments.

"Robert has worked extensively in global and regional business forums on major changes in economic and financial policy including the digital economy and is a highly experienced director. We are delighted with his appointment at a critical time in the payments industry," said Dr Leila Fourie, CEO of the Australian Payments Network, the industry's self-regulatory body that also acts as secretariat for the Payments Council.

The Payments Council coordinates industry efforts to drive the strategic agenda for the Australian payments system working closely with the Reserve Bank of Australia; it provides a strategic forum for the Payments System Board to consult with industry.

"I am very pleased to be joining the Council at this time of significant change and innovation and look forward to helping shape the future of payments through Council initiatives," said Mr Milliner.

The Payments Council is progressing work on delivering on the Australian Payments Plan developed in 2015 in close consultation with industry. The Plan provides a roadmap for industry collaboration to improve the Australian payments system over the next 10 years.

Mr Milliner replaces Mark Birrell who was appointed Chairman in June 2015. The Council thanks Mr Birrell for his significant contribution during his three-year term, laying firm foundations for the Council's ongoing strategic work.

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