



THE HON JIM CHALMERS MP
TREASURER

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Friday, 30 May 2025

TO: The Hon Chris Minns MP Premier New South Wales s 47E(d) The Hon David Crisafulli MP Premier Queensland s 47E(d) The Hon Roger Cook MLA Premier Western Australia s 47E(d) Mr Andrew Barr MLA Chief Minister Australian Capital Territory s 47E(d)	The Hon Jacinta Allan MP Premier Victoria s 47E(d) The Hon Peter Malinauskas MP Premier South Australia s 47E(d) The Hon Jeremy Rockliff MP Premier Tasmania s 47E(d) The Hon Lia Finocchiaro MLA Chief Minister Northern Territory s 47E(d)
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SUBJECT: APPOINTMENTS – State and Territory nominations – Members, Australian Competition and Consumer Commission

Dear Premiers and Chief Ministers

I am writing to seek your nominations for appointments to the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC).

The ACCC currently comprises 7 full time positions (a chair, 2 deputy chairs and 4 other members, including a vacant position) plus 9 associate members. The *Competition and Consumer Act 2010* provides that there is no limit on the number of ACCC members, however there may be no more than two Deputy Chairpersons at any one time.

The terms of Ms Anna Brakey and Mr Peter Crone as members of the ACCC are due to expire on 9 December 2025. There is also one vacant member position arising from the resignation of Ms Liza Carver effective 16 May 2025.

In accordance with the Intergovernmental Agreement on National Competition Policy, which came into effect on 29 November 2024, I am seeking your suggestions for suitably qualified candidates for members of the ACCC. Under the Act, nominees should have knowledge of, or experience in, industry, commerce, economics, law, consumer protection or public administration.

I would appreciate if you would provide a copy of the curriculum vitae for any person you nominate and indicate whether they are aware of their nomination.

Under the agreement, you have 35 days to provide nominations in response to this letter. However, given the urgent need to fill the vacancy caused by Ms Carver's resignation, I request nominations for that vacancy within 2 weeks from the receipt of this letter.

I will later write to you in relation to the candidates I propose to put forward to the Governor-General for appointment. The agreement provides you with a further 35-days to advise whether you support the proposed appointments.

I am conscious of the Government's commitment to gender diversity on government boards and the need to maintain or increase the number of females on Australian Government boards. The Government is also committed to tackling under-representation of people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds and First Nations Peoples. The reportable gender balance for the ACCC is currently 40 per cent female and 60 per cent male.

The Government will write separately regarding upcoming appointments to the National Competition Council.

I look forward to your response. Should your office require further information, my department's contact officer is § 22 [redacted] who can be contacted at § 22 [redacted] or via email on § 22 [redacted] [@treasury.gov.au](mailto:[redacted]@treasury.gov.au).

A current list of ACCC members is enclosed for your information.

Yours sincerely

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The Hon Jim Chalmers MP

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AUSTRALIAN COMPETITION AND CONSUMER COMMISSION: as at 21/05/2025

<u>NAME</u>	<u>GENDER</u>	<u>POSITION</u> <i>(previous term/s in italics)</i>	<u>FT/PT</u> <i>(previous term/s in italics)</i>	<u>STATE OF RESIDENCE</u>	<u>DATE APPOINTED</u> <i>(previous term/s in italics)</i>	<u>EXPIRY DATE</u> <i>(previous term/s in italics)</i>
<i>I. Current members:</i>						
Ms Gina CASS-GOTTLIEB	F	Chairperson	FT	NSW	21.03.22	20.03.27
Mr Mick KEOGH OAM	M	Deputy Chairperson “ ”	FT	NSW	30.05.23 <i>30.05.18</i>	29.05.28 <i>29.05.23</i>
Ms Catriona LOWE	F	Deputy Chairperson	FT	VIC	27.01.23	26.01.28
Ms Anna BRAKEY	F	Member	FT	NSW	10.12.20	09.12.25
Mr Peter CRONE	M	Member	FT	VIC	10.12.20	09.12.25
Mr Phillip WILLIAMS	M	Member	FT	NSW	27.06.24	26.06.29
<i>Vacant</i>		<i>Member</i>	<i>FT</i>			
Mr Stephen RIDGEWAY	M	Associate Member <i>Member</i>	PT <i>FT</i>	VIC	27.06.24 <i>27.06.19</i>	26.06.27 <i>26.06.24</i>
Ms Nerida O’LOUGHLIN PSM	F	Associate Member (ACMA Representative) “ ”	PT	VIC	24.10.24 <i>16.12.22</i> <i>06.04.19</i>	13.10.27 <i>13.10.24</i> <i>13.10.22</i>
Mr Adam SUCKLING	M	Associate Member (ACMA Representative)	PT	NSW	04.06.24	24.07.28
Mr Jarrod BALL	M	Associate Member (AER Representative)	PT	VIC	22.05.23	21.05.28
Ms Lynne GALLAGHER	F	Associate Member (AER Representative)	PT	NSW	05.06.23	04.06.28
Mr Justin OLIVER	M	Associate Member (AER Representative)	PT	QLD	03.02.25 <i>03.02.20</i>	02.02.30 <i>02.02.25</i>
Ms Clare SAVAGE	F	Associate Member (AER Representative)	PT	VIC	14.10.24 <i>14.10.19</i>	13.10.27 <i>13.10.24</i>
Ms Kate SYMONS	F	Associate Member (AER Representative)	PT	VIC	26.09.24	25.09.29
Dr John SMALL	M	Associate Member (NZCC Representative)	PT	NZ	04.06.24	07.06.25



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SUBJECT: APPOINTMENTS – State and Territory majority support – Full-time member, Australian Competition and Consumer Commission

Dear Premiers and Chief Ministers

Further to my correspondence of 30 May 2025 regarding nominations to the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC), I am writing to seek your endorsement of the proposed appointment of a full-time member of the ACCC.

I propose to appoint Mr Luke Woodward as a full-time member for a five-year period.

I am satisfied that Mr Woodward’s proposed appointment complies with the requirements of the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010* (the Act).

In accordance with subsection 7(3)(c) of the Act and under the Intergovernmental Agreement on National Competition Policy, the support of a majority of States and Territories is required before the proposed appointments can proceed. Under the agreement, if you do not respond to this letter within 35 days, you will be taken to support the proposed appointment.

I am conscious of the Australian Government’s commitment to gender diversity on Government boards and the need to maintain or increase the number of women on Australian government boards. The Government is also committed to tackling under-representation of people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds and First Nations Peoples. The reportable gender balance for the ACCC following the proposed appointments will be 46 per cent female and 54 per cent male.

While you have 35 days to respond under the timeframes outlined in the Intergovernmental Agreement, I ask that you respond as soon as possible given this position is currently vacant. I look forward to receiving your endorsement of this appointment.

I will write to you separately regarding the proposed appointments for the two full-time members whose terms are due to expire on 9 December 2025.

The Treasury contact for this appointments process is s 22 and she can be contacted on s 22 or via email s 22 @treasury.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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Wednesday, 20 August 2025