

**Media Release**

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**Financial Services - Event of the Year**

The Financial Services Council and Workplace Savings NZ are delighted to announce a growing list of sponsors for the inaugural Financial Services Council and Workplace Savings NZ national conference – ‘Navigating Change’ on 7 and 8 September 2017 at the Hilton Hotel, Auckland.

Richard Klipin, FSC CEO, said ‘We are incredibly grateful for the support of all the sponsors on what will be the event of the year for the Financial Services industry.’ These include:

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With less than 40 days until the Navigating Change conference, and only 30 tickets left, the full programme is now available on the event website. With outstanding keynote speakers, a variety of panel discussions and three workshop streams, this conference has something for everyone. This programme showcases excellence within the financial services industry.

Concurrent workshop streams explore key topics under the three main streams of Investments, Insurance and FinTech/InsureTech/Big Trends. Attendees can expect exciting conversations that will help shape the future of the financial services industry.

Keynote speakers include Waitaki MP Jacqui Dean, the great New Zealand entrepreneur, Murray Thom, and the Founder and Director of the award winning social enterprise, Eat My Lunch, Lisa King.

Panel discussions cover topics including the Future of Kiwisaver, Super and Work; The Consumer of the Future – Growing the Insurance Market in New Zealand; and Culture, Conduct and Consumers – Navigating Change in Financial Services. ‘The calibre and number of speakers throughout the programme is sure to inspire, challenge and lead to thought-provoking discussions’ said Mr Klipin.

The Navigating Change conference also plays host to the inaugural Financial Services Council Awards, together with the Workplace Savings NZ Communication Awards. Winners will be announced at the Gala Dinner on the first night of the conference. The awards showcase excellence within the financial services industry, and give the winners an opportunity to be recognised in front of their peers.

This conference is a great opportunity for the financial services community to come together and gain insights from industry leaders. The conference provides delegates with a unique opportunity to share best practice and challenge each other to Navigate the Change in their worlds.

For more information about the event, awards entry and to discover the full conference programme, visit the event website [www.navigatingchange.co.nz](http://www.navigatingchange.co.nz) or visit the Facebook page [facebook.com/financialservicescouncil](https://facebook.com/financialservicescouncil)

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### **Information about the FSC**

The FSC represents investment and life insurance companies in New Zealand. The FSC has 16 member companies and 14 associate members. Companies represented in the FSC include the major insurers in life, disability, income, and trauma insurance, and some fund managers and KiwiSaver providers. Law firms, audit firms, and other providers to the financial services sector are represented among the associate members.

The FSC's purpose is to:

- be recognised as an organisation that represents the interests of the New Zealand financial services industry, including to regulators and Government;
- promote best practice and integrity in the financial services industry, including through the institution of codes of conduct, standards and the publication of guidance for industry participants;
- promote the financial services industry for the economic benefit of New Zealand and to enhance the sustainability of the industry, whilst recognising the primacy of the interests of consumers;
- develop and promote evidence-based policies and practices designed to assist New Zealanders to build and protect their wealth;
- promote the financial services industry as a medium for investment and protection for consumers;
- promote, assist and generally advance the interests of members.

### **Information about Workplace Savings NZ**

Workplace Savings NZ is a not-for-profit apolitical membership organisation representing the interests of employers who offer workplace retirement savings schemes, their trustees and their members, other retirement scheme managers and supervisors, retirement savings industry service providers and professional advisers. WSNZ's membership embraces all types of retirement schemes (KiwiSaver, workplace savings and superannuation schemes) and participants who are public and corporate, union-sponsored and industry-based.

The objective of WSNZ (which works closely with the Financial Services Council) is to be the Voice of Workplace Savings - advancing the sustainable, effective, and efficient delivery of workplace savings outcomes for all involved, including the workplace savings scheme members who remain key to the organisation. WSNZ aims to do this through advocacy, education, networking and promotion of the sector.