

Media Release

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Industry Awards launch today – showcasing innovation, excellence and consumer-focus

The Financial Services Council and Workplace Savings NZ today launch their industry awards. Financial Services Council Chief Executive Richard Klipin said, 'These awards showcase excellence in our industry and give us all a chance to celebrate success and learn from our peers.'

The awards will be presented at a gala dinner on the first night of the inaugural Financial Services Council and Workplace Savings national conference. The two-day conference aims to showcase the big issues facing the sector as well as challenging and inspiring delegates to Navigate the Change in their worlds.

Richard Klipin said 'The conference will provide a great opportunity to gain insight from industry leaders, share best practice and connect with the financial services community. The industry is going through rapid change and consumers demand more from our sector every year. The awards recognise those individuals and organisations who have made a tangible difference to our consumers, community and industry.'

The brand new FSC awards uncover and recognise leaders in the industry. New this year, the award categories are:

- Rising Star Award
- Innovation Award
- Shaping the Future Award
- Diversity Award

The Workplace Savings NZ awards recognise the importance of clear, customer-focussed, messages and the award categories are:

- Best overall KiwiSaver Member Experience
- Most Innovative Communication
- Product Disclosure Statement of the Year
- Workplace Savings Excellence in Communication

For more information on the awards, including how to enter, visit www.navigatingchange.co.nz, www.workplacesavingsawards.org.nz. Nominations are open until 31 July.

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For Further Information

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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.