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**The Financial Services Council is growing capability and capacity**

As the voice of the financial services sector, membership of the Financial Services Council (FSC) grew by a third last year to 91 members, driven in part by the mergers of the Workplace Savings NZ and Health Funds Association of NZ under the FSC banner.

Richard Klipin, Chief Executive of the FSC, said “Now with a bigger and stronger organisation of over 90 members, the focus of our work is to shape the future financial wellbeing of Kiwis.

“As part of building capability and capacity to achieve that, I am delighted to announce the appointment of Troy Churton, who is joining the team as our new Head of Membership and Partnerships.”

Troy joins the FSC after five and a half years as National Manager – Retirement Villages, at the Commission for Financial Capability, where he championed collaboration and education to grow consumer awareness and financial capability.

Klipin continued, “Members are the lifeblood of the FSC, and with close to 300 experienced member representatives actively contributing to our committees, harnessing that and our other partners expertise to drive better consumer outcomes is key.

“Troy is experienced in implementing stakeholder engagement and public-facing education programmes that will be valuable in assisting our membership, and the wider financial services sector to build more momentum through the FSC.”

Troy Churton said, “I’m looking forward to collaborating with FSC members and partners to help further develop the voice of the FSC and expand our reach to ultimately help Kiwis to be more financially resilient.”

Klipin concluded, “Although the FSC has continued to go from strength to strength in the past year, we are not complacent. Together, our members and partners remain focused on managing, growing and protecting the wealth of New Zealanders.”

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### **Image Assets**

A high-res image of Troy is available [here](#).

### **About the Financial Services Council**

The FSC is a non-profit member organisation and the voice of the financial services sector in New Zealand. Our 91 members comprise 95% of the life insurance market in New Zealand and manage funds of more than \$83bn. Members include the major insurers in life, health, disability and income insurance, fund managers, KiwiSaver and workplace savings schemes (including restricted schemes), professional service providers, and technology providers to the financial services sector.

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