

Project Acacia Industry Advisory Group

The RBA and DFCRC have established an Industry Advisory Group (IAG), chaired by the DFCRC, to meet regularly to support Phase 2 of Project Acacia. The IAG will provide advice to the project steering committee on the project pathway, findings and future research opportunities.

Members of the IAG have been selected following a call for expressions of interest and will participate in a personal capacity. The RBA and DFCRC have sought to ensure that the group brings together members from a range of relevant fields (e.g., technology, operations, strategy and/or regulation) and with experience in different segments of markets (e.g. as product issuers, platform operators, banks, custodians and/or investors). It is anticipated that membership will be for the duration of the project, ending around late 2025. The initial membership of the IAG is shown below.

Project Acacia Industry Advisory Group – Initial Membership*

Tony Richards (DFCRC, Chairperson)
Max Allan (King & Wood Mallesons)
Bianca Bates (JP Morgan)
Drew Bradford (Catena Digital)
Alvin Chia (Northern Trust)
Ross Edwards (Ripple)
Sophie Gilder (CBA)
Hannah Glass (Ashurst)
Dennis Hoenig (Kaleido)
Rajat Jain (AusPayNet)
Damian Jeffree (AFMA)
Tim Johnson (Australian Payments Plus)
Rene Michau (Standard Chartered)
Omer Mohammad (DigitalX)
Matthew Neece (Perpetual Digital)
Rose Ong (Swift)
Varun Paul (Fireblocks)
Robert Porter (ANZ)
Arturo Rodriguez (NotCentralised)
Lucy Stan (Westpac)
Paul Stonham (myCarbon)
Clive Triance (ASX)
Chris Weeks (Imperium Markets)
Sharon Yuen (R3)

* Senior staff members from the RBA (Brad Jones and Chris Thompson) and DFCRC (Talis Putnins and Mark Staples), as well as the Australian Treasury, APRA and ASIC will also attend meetings.