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Australian Pacific Economic Cooperation Committee (AusPECC) establishes new Advisory Board to guide work on regional economic cooperation

AusPECC has today announced the establishment of a new Advisory Board, bringing together leading thinkers from across Australian business, academia, government, and civil society to strengthen AusPECC's contribution to regional economic cooperation.

AusPECC is the Australian national committee of the [Pacific Economic Cooperation Council \(PECC\)](#), a non-governmental body that has operated across the 21 economies of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) for over four and a half decades. AusPECC will look to the Advisory Board to guide its input to PECC to deliver forward-looking and actionable solutions to advance market-driven economic integration in the spirit of open regionalism.

AusPECC's Chair, Arjuna Nadaraja, said "our focus is on having a positive influence on regional economies, through both PECC and APEC, across a wide range of trade and economic policy issues, including on digitalisation and e-commerce, sustainability and inclusion, trade and structural reform, supply-chain resilience, services regulation, and regional economic collaboration to drive a free trade area across the Asia-Pacific".

The Advisory Board will be chaired by **Stuart Fuller**, Chair of Asia Society Australia, and comprises members with deep expertise in trade, investment, geopolitics, sustainability, and regional policy. Collectively, the Board brings a diverse range of perspectives and extensive experience to support AusPECC's work at a time of both significant challenge and opportunity for economic cooperation in the Asia-Pacific.

By drawing on voices from across the private sector, research community, and public policy, the Advisory Board will help ensure AusPECC's work reflects a broad cross-section of Australian interests and ideas on inclusive economic engagement in the region.



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The Advisory Board members are:

- **Stuart Fuller (Chair)**, Chair, Asia Society Australia
- **Craig Emerson**, Executive Chair, Australian APEC Study Centre at RMIT
- **Christopher Findlay AM**, Honorary Professor, Crawford School of Public Policy
- **Christopher Langman**, Immediate Past Chair, AusPECC
- **Elizabeth Ward**, Ambassador for Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC)
- **Grace Gown**, Head of Global Public Policy, Xero
- **Jane Drake-Brockman**, Senior Visiting Fellow, Institute for International Trade / Executive Director, Australian Services Roundtable
- **Jon Berry**, Geopolitics Lead, KPMG South ASPAC
- **Liandra Gaykamangu**, Founder & CEO, Liandra Swim
- **Dr Prudence Gordon**, Founder & Executive Director, Australian Centre for International Trade and Investment (ACITI)
- **Shiro Armstrong**, Director, Australia-Japan Research Centre, ANU Crawford School of Public Policy
- **Sophia Hamblin Wang**, Co-founder & Chief Operating Officer, Mineral Carbon International

Currently AusPECC is leading a [PECC signature project focused on the Free Trade Area of the Asia-Pacific](#).

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