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APESB's woman of influence

Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board (APESB) chair Nicola Roxon has been recognised as one of Australia's 100 Women of Influence.

In its fourth year, the Australian Financial Review and Westpac 100 Women of Influence Awards celebrate outstanding women from a wide variety of sectors across Australia. Ms Roxon has been named in the global category of the awards, acknowledging those whose work is making an international impact.

The awards were assessed by a panel of esteemed judges, with entrants considered for their outstanding ability to demonstrate vision, leadership, innovation and action in and beyond their fields.

The Board of APESB know Ms Roxon to be a highly driven, collaborative and generous leader, whose passion and commitment inspires all those who work with her. This latest recognition is a highly deserved testament to her character, contribution and vision.

Ms Roxon has led the APESB during a period of consolidation, since her appointment in June last year she has overseen the review and revision of a number of accounting professional standards that impact Australian business and consumers.

Ainslie van Onselen, Director of Women's Markets, Diversity and Inclusion at Westpac, said: "The breadth and calibre of our 100 Women of Influence for 2015 is truly incredible. It is a privilege to recognise and celebrate the remarkable contribution these women are making to our society.

"Women have countless opportunities to be a driving force for change in Australia and shape our nation's future through their respective fields. Ms. Roxon is a shining example for how women can be truly influential in their career and have a profound impact on long term outcomes. She joins an illustrious group of Australian women as part of the Women of Influence alumni, which continues to grow each year with diverse and exceptional talent."

Ten category winners and an overall winner from the Australian Financial Review and Westpac 100 women of influence Awards will be named at a Gala Awards Night in Sydney on October 15.

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Notes to Editors: APESB is the National Standards Setter that sets the code of ethics and professional standards by which members of Australia's three major professional accounting bodies (CPA Australia, Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand and the Institute of Public Accountants) are required to abide.