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APESB CEO Channa Wijesinghe appointed Vice Chair of the IESBA

The Public Interest Oversight Board (PIOB) based in Madrid, Spain, which provides oversight of the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants (IESBA), has announced the appointment of the CEO of APESB, Mr Channa Wijesinghe, as Vice Chair of the IESBA commencing from 1 January 2025 for a two-year term. This is the first time that an Australian representative has been appointed to the Vice Chair role.

Mr Wijesinghe has also been reappointed for a second three-year term (2025-2027) as a member of the IESBA.

The IESBA is an independent global standard-setting board that develops, in the public interest, high-quality ethical standards, including auditor independence requirements, for professional accountants worldwide through the *International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including International Independence Standards)* (the IESBA Code).

During his first term, Mr Wijesinghe served on the IESBA's Tax Planning and Related Services and Sustainability Taskforces. Since January 2023, he has also served on the IESBA's Planning Committee, which oversees and manages the IESBA's Strategy and Work Program. In December 2023, Mr Wijesinghe was appointed as the Chair of the IESBA's Firm Culture and Governance Working Group, which is undertaking a review of the robustness of the IESBA Code in addressing Firm Culture and Governance issues.

"We are thrilled about Channa's new appointment as Vice Chair and re-appointment to the IESBA, where he will continue to provide vitally important Australian representation to the ongoing development of the global ethics and independence standards at a time when the need for public reassurance is great, and the demands on the profession are getting increasingly complex", said APESB Chairman, Nancy Milne OAM.

"I am delighted to continue my role with IESBA and honoured to take on the role of Vice Chair. There are many challenges currently facing the global accounting profession, including how we respond to evolving technologies and enhance public trust. It's imperative that we continue to shape a robust global Code of Ethics to guide the ethical behaviour of the accounting profession that underpins the reporting and assurance of financial and non-financial information for the investing public," said Channa Wijesinghe.

The Vice Chair's appointment commences on 1 January 2025.

Refer to the **PIOB Media Release** on the IESBA Composition for 2025 [here](#)

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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.