

**CFA Societies Australia announces key appointments in Advocacy and Diversity**  
*Strengthened focus aims to make inroads into key industry issues around professionalism  
and gender disparity*

**Sydney, 16 January 2018:** CFA Societies Australia today announced two key appointments to its Advocacy Council and to its National Diversity Committee respectively.

### **Advocacy Council**

Mr Stephen Dunne has been appointed the Chair of CFA Societies Australia Advocacy Council starting January 2018.

Stephen is a Director of Cbus and Chairman of the Investment Committee, he is also a director of QIC, NAPCo and Chairman of Evergen Pty Ltd. Stephen worked at AMP Capital from 1994 to 2016 where he held several roles. In 2004, he was appointed CEO of AMP Capital, a role he held until retiring from the company in 2016.

He is a Chartered Financial Analyst, holding a Master of Business Administration from Monash University and a Fellow of the Financial Services Institute of Australasia (Finsia) and a Fellow of the Institute of company directors.

The aim of the Advocacy Council is to advocate for highest standards of professionalism, comprising compliance, competency and ethics, across the Australian financial services industry; to use the collective knowledge and experience of CFA to identify issues within our industry that impact investors and develop solutions to benefit the community; and champion solutions to bring about positive change by leading and partnering with industry peers and by engaging stakeholders at community, regulator / Government and industry level.

### **National Diversity Committee**

Ms Maria Wilton has been appointed the Chair of CFA Societies Australia National Diversity Committee starting January 2018.

Maria has a 30-year history in the investment industry with leadership experience in asset management and pension funds. She is the former Managing Director and Chair of Franklin Templeton Investments Australia Limited where she had responsibility for leading the strategic direction of Franklin Templeton's business in Australia and New Zealand.

Ms Wilton has worked in investment management as an economist, portfolio manager and business leader for 30 years. Before joining the investment industry, she worked for the Commonwealth Treasury as an economist.

She is currently the Chair of the Australian Centre for Financial Studies (ACFS) Industry Advisory Board, Deputy Chair of Infrastructure Victoria and Chair of the Audit and Risk Committee and a member of the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) Society Advocacy Council.

Maria is a Chartered Financial Analyst, a fellow of the Australian Institute of Superannuation Trustees and a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

The objective of the CFA Societies Australia National Diversity Committee is to raise awareness around the chronic issue of gender diversity disparity and to effect positive change and achieve outcomes that lead to industry and community transformation around this issue.

As stewards of community wealth, the Committee's goal is to achieve an initial 30 per cent gender balance target across industry by 2027 to better reflect the gender composition of the community it represents. Ultimately, it aspires to see an industry that fully reflects the makeup of the community, that is 50 per cent gender balance.

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