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FSC SUBMISSION RELEASED ON A NEW OVERSIGHT AUTHORITY

The Financial Services Council (FSC) has released its submission on the Exposure Draft (ED) and Explanatory Materials (EM) in relation to the Stronger Regulators Bill.

FSC CEO Sally Loane said the FSC supports Commissioner Hayne's recommendation to establish a new oversight authority for APRA and ASIC, however highlighted a few areas that could be improved to more clearly reflect the underlying principles of the Recommendation.

- The FSC recommends there is alignment of the commencement date with the commencement date of the Financial Regulator Reform (No. 2) Bill 2019: Governance (FSRC Recommendations 6.9 and 6.11). This Bill relates to the obligations of ASIC and APRA to co-operate;
- the drafting of the final legislation should be written clearly and reflect Commissioner Hayne's final comments;
- the legislation be extended to explicitly include reference to oversight by the authority of both AFCA and FASEA, given the critical role those bodies have in relation to improving standards of conduct in the industry.

The FSC submission is in response to Recommendation 6.14 of the Royal Commission into Misconduct in the Banking, Superannuation and Financial Services Industry.

Read the submission in full here: <https://fsc.org.au/resources/1945-fsc-submission-financial-regulator-reform-hayne-rc-response-stronger-regulators-2020-measures-bill-2020-fsrc-rec-6-14-financial-regulator-assessment-authority-ed-and-em/file>

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