# Proposed consolidation of Australian domestic payment companies

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## Current state and case for the merger

Currently, Visa and Mastercard overwhelmingly dominate card transactions.

We need an efficient domestic player to ensure competitive pricing tension against multinational schemes and big tech.

### Today

- International card schemes:
  - have captured 70% market share of debit transactions (by value), reducing eftpos' share from 80% to 30% in the last decade
  - have a near monopoly over online purchases
- The dominance of the international card schemes in payment volume and payment functionality is a significant concern
- Australia's domestic payment organisations are fragmented and siloed, reflecting old divisions that are no longer relevant
- Innovation is harder and slower than it should be

### **Tomorrow**

- · An efficient, coordinated domestic payments entity
- Existing roadmaps retained, eg payment initiation through MPS
- Same payment rails but in a coordinated entity, with faster product development and – over time – more efficient engagement with outside participants like fintechs







Market share of debit card schemes by

MasterCard/Visa debit

value of payments

100%

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## What you will see: real outcomes for Fintechs

#### Current services will be unaffected

Core purpose of NewCo is delivery of low-cost payments for fintechs, retailers, business and their customers

Existing roadmaps for each entity are preserved.



Better coordination and alignment between the three companies and their owners will deliver faster progress than possible today

For example, this process has secured the delivery of eftpos online, enabling lower cost payment options online not available today.

# More inclusive and balanced governance, with input from a broader range of perspectives

The model will increase the influence of smaller and more diverse organisations with less influence by large banks and large retailers at governance and shareholder level.



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# Faster deployment of capability not currently possible across three separate organisations

For example, potentially QR codes across multiple payment streams, improved online payment capability and digital ID solutions

### Streamlined access model and easier to engage with

Existing open-access frameworks preserved for each scheme, which will themselves evolve over time (ie proposed Stored Value Facility reforms).

More efficient engagement through single entry points and end-user forums for fintechs and others

Over time, streamlining and integrating API frameworks and other assets that support third party access, ie single sandbox environment

### Current structure: siloed and outdated

Eftpos Board

~75% of votes held by major banks and retailers

**BPAY Board** 

100% of votes held by major banks

NPPA Board

33% of votes held by major banks

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eftpos

- Established 1983
- Point of Sale payments
- Important source of competition for global schemes
- No broadly available online payment method



- Established 1997
- · Bill payments
- Osko real time payments



- Established 2016
- Real-time account to account credit payments
- PayID

**Siloed approach** – reflects evolution of different payment types over the past 40 years

**Do not compete today** – the three companies core payment products do not compete with each other today

Majority of votes held by major banks and retailers – the majority of Board and shareholder votes for eftpos and BPAY are held by major banks and/or major retailers

No mechanism to coordinate – resulting in the three organisations competing with each other for limited bank funding, resources and priority

Slow or insufficient innovation to compete – competition for limited funds from owners to support rollout without any guarantee of broad take-up or clarity on roadmap e.g. no broadly available online payment capability suitable for retail

# Proposed structure: integrated and balanced



- Preserves scheme governance each entity continues to manage its own scheme, operations and infrastructure as appropriate.
- Enables collaboration on new products to meet needs of payment users with direction and capital allocation from diverse, representative Board.
- Fundamental decisions about the operation, funding, or future of any of the three schemes would be subject to determination by the shareholders that use that system. Retailers, for instance, will retain specific veto rights over any proposals that would directly impact eftpos.

**Broader representation** – four independent directors (including the independent chair) and nine directors nominated by NewCo's shareholders (four of which will be from the major banks)

**Balanced decision making** – each Board director has one vote. Each shareholder, regardless of size, will have one vote of equal weighting, at General Meetings of NewCo's shareholders

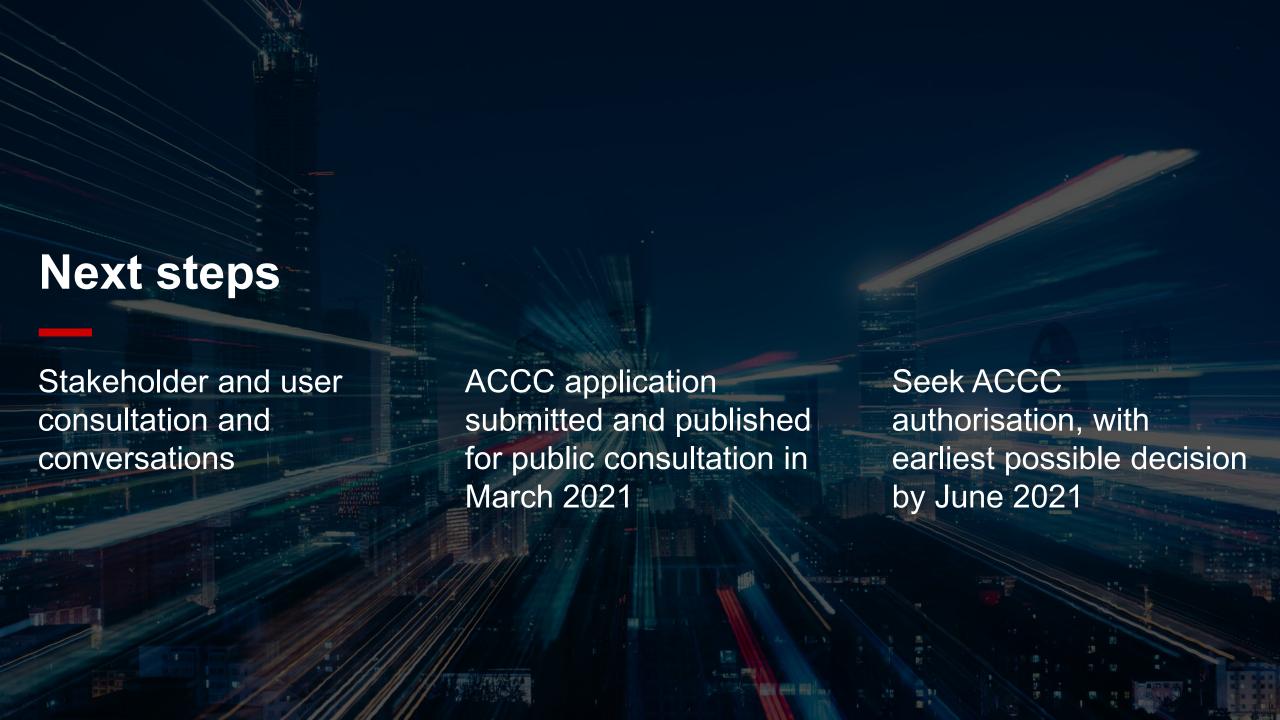
Smaller payment users better represented – eg. Fintechs who use the payment system could become shareholders (and potentially Directors) on reasonable commercial terms and criteria (and would have an equal vote as all other shareholders)

Self-sustaining entity operating in the public interest – objectives of company clearly focused on end users of the payment system, and specifically low-cost payments

 Supports efficient involvement of payment users such as fintechs – eg. through creation of end-user forums

Entities are still regulated by the RBA Payment Systems

Board – just as they are today





### NPP Roadmap



Delivering data-rich message standards

Structured data messages for superannuation, payroll, tax and elnvoicing payments

**April 2021** 



**Enabling third party** payment initiation

Customer authorised payments initiated by third parties (Mandated Payments Service)

December 2021

Work underway to understand alignment with CDR requirements; Sandbox and sample APIs available soon



Supporting international payments

Safer, faster inbound international payments with complete payer information

December 2022

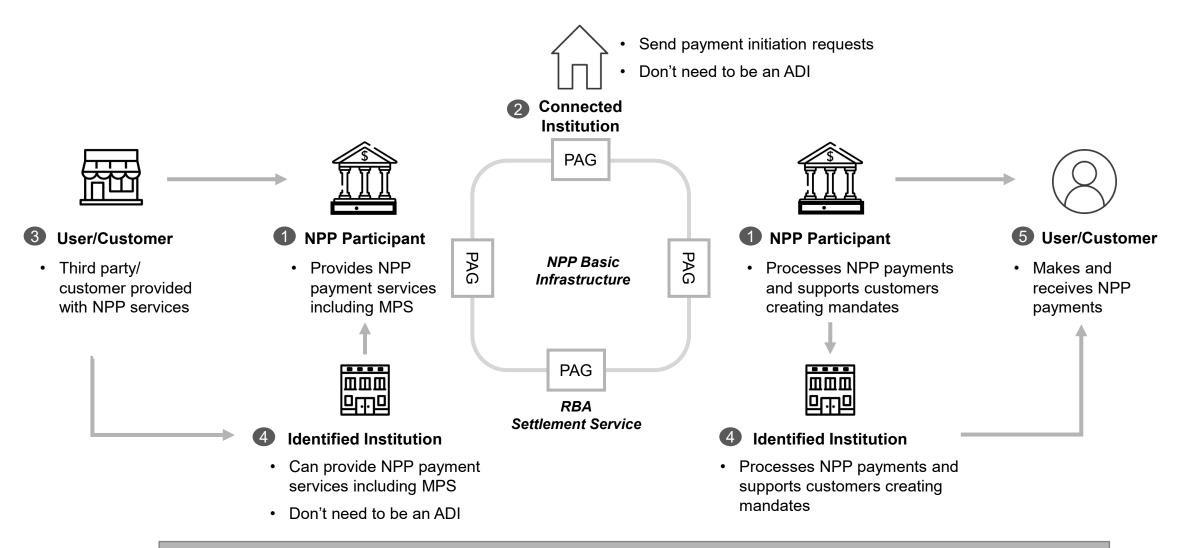
#### **Business Services:**

This capability is being delivered as business services with their own set of rules for processing different payment types.

Third parties can use these business services in a variety of ways and incorporate them into their own product and service offerings.

NPP Australia will be hosting a roundtable discussion together with Fintech Australia on 18 March from 1:00-2:00pm

### **NPP Access**



A key feature of the MPS is that third parties wanting to initiate payments only require one access point to the NPP infrastructure in order to be able to initiate payments from one of the 74 million and growing NPP enabled accounts.

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