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Dr Gordon de Brouwer to lead the Australian Committee of the Pacific Economic Cooperation Council (AusPECC)

RMIT's Australian APEC Study Centre, as the Secretariat for the Australian Pacific Economic Cooperation Committee (AusPECC), is pleased to announce Dr Gordon de Brouwer as the incoming Chair of AusPECC.

Dr de Brouwer is Honorary Professor and Distinguished Policy Fellow at the Australian National University (ANU), a Director of the Committee for the Economic Development of Australia and a Trustee of The Nature Conservancy Australia.

Dr de Brouwer has had more than 30 years' experience in public policy in the fields of economics, environment, energy and institution building. He has held senior leadership roles in the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, the Department of the Environment and Energy, the Treasury and the Reserve Bank of Australia.

Dr de Brouwer has been recognised for his outstanding public service in the development of international economic policy, being awarded a Public Service Medal in 2011, as well as being Knighted in France's Legion of Honour for his work in the G20.

Director of the Australian APEC Study Centre, Dr Craig Emerson, welcomed Dr de Brouwer's appointment: "Gordon de Brouwer's appointment adds enormous weight and prestige to AusPECC. Gordon has had a distinguished career in public policy formulation and has advised various Prime Ministers on APEC matters. Gordon's experience, insights and wisdom will be valuable assets for AusPECC and the broader APEC community."

Dr Emerson also expressed his thanks to retiring Chair, Ian Buchanan, for his leadership at AusPECC over the past 12 years: "With Ian as Chair, AusPECC has continued to play a leading role in leveraging PECC's unique international status, building support for Australia's trade policy agenda and the wider APEC process."

Dr Emerson thanked the Minister for Trade, Senator Simon Birmingham, for approving Dr de Brouwer's appointment. "Minister Birmingham is a strong supporter of APEC and we greatly appreciate his appointment of Gordon de Brouwer to this important position," Dr Emerson said.