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THE HON PETER COSTELLO HEADLINES FSC TRANS-TASMAN LEADERS SUMMIT

The Financial Services Councils of Australia and New Zealand are delighted to announce the Hon Peter Costello AC will headline the first ever Trans-Tasman Strategic Leaders Summit, being held on 4-6 March 2024 in Auckland.

The Hon Peter Costello AC is Chairman of the Future Fund Board of Guardians, overseeing the investment of Australia's \$250 billion sovereign wealth fund, as well as being Australia's longest serving Treasurer and the Chair of Nine Entertainment, Australia's largest media company.

The Hon Peter Costello AC said: "I am honoured to be part of the inaugural FSC Trans-Tasman Strategic Leaders Summit, where I will talk about developments in the global economy and explore what it means for Australia and New Zealand investors.

"We are living through seismic shifts in the geopolitical landscape which are disrupting the world as we know it."

Blake Briggs, CEO of the FSC Australia said: "the Hon Peter Costello is a leading figure in the region's political and investment landscape, and will provide summit delegates with a unique insight into the economic and geopolitical opportunities and challenges facing the Asia-Pacific."

Richard Klipin, CEO of FSC New Zealand said: "The financial services sectors of both Aotearoa and Australia are excited to hear from Peter Costello, the first announced speaker amongst an array of stellar speakers that will bring a global focus to financial services policy and regulation."

The Leaders Summit is being curated by industry participants to ensure delegates gain access, knowledge and practical insights into the shared issues facing industry leaders in our region. Topics will include the future of financial advice regulation, the impacts of climate change on investing, sustainable retirement solutions and the economic opportunities and challenges facing our region.

Early bird tickets are now on sale, with attendees recommended to secure their tickets before the early bird window closes later this year. Earlybird tickets are available [here](#)

Further speaker announcements, including political, regulatory and industry leading insights, will be made in the lead up to the event.

Programme

View the Trans-Tasman Strategic Leaders Summit programme outline [here](#).

Partnership opportunities

The Strategic Leaders Summit will also provide partnership opportunities for organisations to showcase the latest software, products and technical solutions to the financial services industry. This will enable delegates to stay up to date with cutting edge developments and explore opportunities to enhance their offerings to clients.

Partnership interest is invited by contacting Clarissa Hirst at clarissa.hirst@fsc.org.nz for New Zealand or Sharon Sherry at ssherry@fsc.org.au for Australia.

More information will be available on the Summit website summit.fsc.org.nz.

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About the Financial Services Council New Zealand

As the voice of the sector, the Financial Services Council is a non-profit member organisation with a vision to grow the financial confidence and wellbeing of New Zealanders. FSC members commit to delivering strong consumer outcomes from a professional and sustainable financial services sector. Our 112 members manage funds of more than \$95bn and pay out claims of \$2.8bn per year (life and health insurance). Members include the major insurers in life, health, disability and income insurance, fund managers, KiwiSaver and workplace savings schemes (including restricted schemes), professional service providers, and technology providers to the financial services sector.