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New Chair announced for the Internet of Things Alliance of Australia

Businessman and senior executive David Spence has been appointed as the incoming Chairman of the Internet of Things Alliance Australia (IoTAA). David is passionately committed to driving digital transformation across the economy, and to attaining greater investment from government and industry to achieve this aim.

David Spence said, "I'm excited to be joining the IoTAA at such an important time. COVID-19 has enabled digital transformation at the speed previously thought unimaginable, and has brought to light the opportunity presented by the Internet of Things to connect the physical and digital world. Now is the time for industry, government, citizens, and academia to seize the opportunities for economic growth and social benefit afforded by the Internet of Things."

"We have an opportunity with the IoTAA to strongly engage with industry, improve cyber security across digital infrastructure, and work with the Government to enhance productivity across Australia using IoT", Mr Spence added.

David replaces Gavin Smith, President at Bosch Australia and New Zealand, who served as the Founding Chairman since 2016.

IoTAA CEO Frank Zeichner said, "Gavin has provided invaluable and tireless support to the IoTAA over the last four years, and has been critical to our development. Our heartfelt thanks and gratitude go to him, while we anticipate working together in other capacities in future."

David Spence has been involved in over 25 internet and telecommunication businesses since the early 90s. Born in South Africa, David joined Consolidated Press on arriving in Australia in 1989. He joined pioneering ISP OzEmail as COO in 1994 and has been CEO, founder, chairman of many internet businesses, including CEO of Unwired, the pioneer of wireless broadband and Chairman of Vocus which went from start-up to ASX 100 in seven years. Today, David chairs PayPal Australia, National Narrowband Network Co (NNNCo), DiscoveryAG, GoannaAg and Canopus Networks. He recently co-founded a new business AllThingsEncrypted to look at new ways of encrypting IoT networks.

Piers Hogarth-Scott, Chairman of the Executive Council of the IoTAA and Partner at KPMG said, "When we commenced the search for Gavin's replacement we knew we had large boots to fill. We are delighted to have appointed someone of David experience and calibre as the incoming Chair. As the senior stakeholder advisory committee of the IoTAA, the Executive Council looks forward to working with David to help accelerate the adoption of IoT for the benefit of the Australian economy and society."

Two new Board Directors have also been appointed: Judy Anderson, Government Relations and Advocacy Lead at AustCyber, The Australian Cyber Security Growth Network Ltd, and senior IT executive Matt Codrington, Managing Director of Lenovo (Australia and New Zealand). Judy and Matt join existing Board Directors Mike Briers, CEO Food Agility CRC, Catherine Caruana-McManus, Director Strategy and Sales at Meshed, and Professor Michael Blumenstein, Associate Dean (Research Strategy and Management) in the Faculty of Engineering and IT at the University of Technology Sydney.

About the Internet of Things Alliance Australia (IoTAA)

Internet of Things Australia Alliance (IoTAA) is the peak Australian IoT Industry body. We have over 500 member organisations, and over 1000 individual participants working across twelve workstreams.

We see a thriving future for Australia and the world by connecting data, devices, people, processes and things to the Internet. It helps people make better and more informed decisions to get the best possible outcomes and ultimately helps boost Australia's future success, productivity, competitiveness, jobs, and the economy.

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