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Insurance Council Board welcomes new QBE representative

The Insurance Council of Australia today advises that QBE Australia Pacific Chief Executive Officer, Sue Houghton concluded her tenure on the ICA Board on 31 October 2026, in anticipation of her retirement from QBE Insurance at the end of the year.

Sue has been a Non-executive Director of the Insurance Council since February 2018 and served as President of the Board from July 2020 to December 2021.

With a distinguished career spanning more than 35 years in financial services, Sue is a respected leader in the insurance industry and a strong voice for customers and the communities insurers serve.

The Insurance Council thanks Sue for her significant contribution as a Non-executive Director and President, and wishes her well in her future endeavours.

The Insurance Council also welcomed Jonathan Groves to the Board as a Non-executive Director from 1 November 2026.

Jonathan succeeded Sue as QBE Australia Pacific Chief Executive Officer on 1 November 2026, bringing more than 30 years' experience in insurance across business leadership, underwriting, risk and regulation.

In his 13 years with QBE, Jonathan has held several senior leadership roles, including Chief Risk Officer, Australia Pacific and Chief Risk Officer, Equator Re.

Jonathan's experience across risk, regulation and business leadership will be an asset to the Board.