



THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON ECONOMICS**

**Inquiry into Schemes, Digital Wallets and Innovation in the Payments Sector**

**PUBLIC HEARING**  
**Wednesday 25 February 2026**

**9.30am - 4.15pm**  
**Committee Room 2R1, Canberra, ACT**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Witness</b>
9.30 am	<b>Roundtable – Industry bodies</b> Australian Payments Network ( <i>Submission 10</i> ) Mr Andrew White, Chief Executive officer FinTech Australia ( <i>Submission 33</i> ) Mr Rehan D'Almeida, Chief Executive Officer Mr Jack Morgan, Head of Policy
10.30 am	<b>Break</b>
10.45 am	<b>Roundtable – Business sector</b> Council of Small Business Organisations Australia ( <i>Submission 11</i> ) Adelle Sutton, Head of Policy Australian Hotels Association ( <i>Submission 12</i> ) Mr Stephen Ferguson, National Chief Executive Officer Small Business Association of Australia (no submission) Mrs Anne Nalder, Chief Executive Officer Mrs Linda Shave, Policy Advisor
12.15 pm	<b>Roundtable – Blockchain and cryptocurrency</b> Digital Economy Council of Australia ( <i>Submission 37</i> ) Mr Liam Hennessy, Secretary of the Digital Asset Working Group Mr Alec O'Sullivan, Head of Operations Australian Bitcoin Industry Body and Bitcoin Policy Australia ( <i>Submission 24</i> ) Mr Ashley Porter, Founder (Bitcoin Policy Australia) Mr Bayani Mills, Chief Executive Officer (Australian Bitcoin Industry) Coinbase Australia ( <i>Submission 35</i> ) Mr John O'Loughlen, Managing Director APAC, Director Australia Kraken ( <i>Submission 43</i> ) Mr Jonathon Miller, Managing Director for Australia & General Manager ROW/APAC
1.15 pm	<b>Lunch</b>
2.00 pm	<b>Block, Inc. (Square and Afterpay)</b> ( <i>Submission 19</i> ) Mr Michael Saadat, Head of International Public Policy Mr Marco Lamantia, Executive Director (Square Australia)

2.45 pm	<b>Roundtable – Digital wallet and payment technology companies</b> Pyng ( <i>Submission 21</i> ) Mr Dipra Ray, Chief Executive Officer and Co-founder Azupay ( <i>Submission 22</i> ) Mr Thomas Rundle, Chief Product Officer Paypa Plane ( <i>Submission 41</i> ) Ms Simone Joyce, Chief Executive Officer Smartpay/Shift4 ( <i>Submission 34</i> ) Mr Peter Thomas, Director
4.15 pm	<b>Close</b>