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IPA APPLAUDS SMALL BUSINESS OMBUDSMAN APPOINTMENT

The Institute of Public Accountants (IPA) has extended congratulations to Ms Kate Carnell for her appointment as Australia's first small business and family enterprise ombudsman.

"We are thrilled with the Minister's selection of Kate Carnell AO to be the first ombudsman of its kind in Australia," said IPA chief executive officer, Andrew Conway.

"The IPA has a long association with Ms Carnell in her former role as chief executive of ACCI and we look forward to working with her in this critical role.

"We share a common vision and passion for small business and recognise how critical the sector is to the Australian economy. We wish her all the very best in the new role," said Mr Conway.

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About the Institute of Public Accountants

The IPA, formed in 1923, is one of Australia's three legally recognised professional accounting bodies. In late 2014, the IPA acquired the Institute of Financial Accountants in the UK and formed the IPA Group, with more than 35,000 members and students in over 65 countries. The IPA is a member of the International Federation of Accountants, the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board and the Confederation of Asian and Pacific Accountants. The IPA was recognised in 2012 as Australia's most innovative accounting organisation and listed in the top 20 in the 2012 *BRW* Most Innovative Companies List.