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Pru Bennett is an independent corporate governance consultant assisting Australian corporate clients on issues relating to stakeholder management, ESG strategies and stakeholder communications. She is a Senior Advisor to the Brunswick Group in Hong Kong and Sydney-based Morrow Sodali.

Ms Bennett is a director of Global Compact Network Australia, a Council member of the Asian Corporate Governance Association (ACGA) and an Advisory Council member of Hong Kong-based investment management firm, Oasis Capital.

She joined BlackRock's Hong Kong office in 2010, where she was a Managing Director and head of BlackRock's Investment Stewardship team for the APAC region until January 2019. In that role she led the team responsible for engagement and proxy voting activities of companies in which BlackRock invests on behalf of clients.

Ms Bennett is an active participant in the public debate on corporate governance, stewardship and responsible investment and as such regularly speaks and writes on the importance of these issues for company performance and investment decisions. In 2018, she received the Asia Industry Leadership Award from 100 Women in Finance. In 2013, she was named as one of Australia's top 10 Women of Influence in Corporate Governance.

She is also a member of a number of industry and regulatory bodies including the Public Shareholder Group of the Securities and Futures Commission of Hong Kong, the Monetary Authority of Singapore's Corporate Governance Advisory Committee, a director of the International Integrated Reporting Council and a member of the Deakin University Integrated Reporting Centre Advisory Board.

Ms Bennett is a champion of diversity and inclusion of all kinds. She is a member of steering groups for the Australian and Hong Kong chapters of the 30% club, a market initiative to increase the number of women on boards and in senior management. She has published a number of papers on board diversity.

Before joining BlackRock in August 2010, Ms Bennett was head of Corporate Governance at institutional advisor Regnan Governance and Research. From 1998 to 2009 she was a director of Australian proxy advisor Corporate Governance International, which is now known as CGI Glass Lewis. Prior to working in the area of corporate governance, she was Investor Relations Manager for Qantas Airways.

Ms Bennett holds a Bachelor of Commerce from the University of New South Wales, is a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand, and is a graduate of the Australian Institute of Corporate Directors.