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Reciprocal arrangement to strengthen ties between ACMA and ACCC

Under a new reciprocal arrangement recently approved by the government, ACMA Chairman Chris Chapman was appointed an Associate Member of the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) and Graeme Samuel (ACCC Chairman) will fill the same role with ACMA. The appointments cover the next five years.

Mr Chapman said that he and Mr Samuel believe the new arrangement will contribute significantly to the exchange of information between the two organisations and to their decision-making expertise. He said the arrangement would build on the longstanding relationship between ACMA and its predecessors with the ACCC, which has established very good working relationships.