



# Minutes – A–NZ Service Provider Forum

**Venue:** Microsoft Teams meeting

**Date:** 12 December 2023

**Start:** 11:00 AEDT **Finish:** 13:00 AEST/AEDT | **Start:** 13:00 NZDT **Finish:** 15:00 NZDT

**Chairs:** Mark Stockwell, Director Australian Peppol Authority (APA) and  
Craig Smith, Director, New Zealand Peppol Authority (NZ PA)

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## Members:

Services Australia	Link4	Pacific Commerce
Esker	IBM Australia	Pagero
Ozedi	Xaana	Payreq
MessageXchange	B2B Router	Luca+
Storecove	Open Text	Cloud Trade Technologies
B2BE NZ	SAP SE	Capability Wise
Edicom Capital	Xero	Havi Technology
Celtrino	Tickstar	Basware Corporation
Fujifilm	Valtatech	Layer Security
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## Observers:

Various Service Providers that have submitted an expression of interest to be accredited.

## Item number 1 – Welcome

- The Chair (Mark Stockwell) welcomed attendees.
  - The previous meeting's minutes were endorsed.
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## Item number 2 – Peppol Authority Updates

### Accreditation Process:

- No new Service Providers (SP) since the last meeting.

### A-NZ BAU Framework Updates:

- November Business Interoperability Specification (BIS) Release
  - A-NZ November release (v1.0.10) published on 11 December 2023
  - Mandatory implementation extended to 26 February 2024 to accommodate the December/January shutdown and align with the BIS billing mandatory date
  - Email sent to SPs advising of all changes and key dates for the November release
- eDelivery
  - Code Lists:
    - [v8.7](#) was released 23 November 2023
    - Changes are detailed in the [OpenPeppol eDEC Code Lists Change Log](#)
  - SMP
    - v1.3.0 (PDF 830KB) of the Peppol SMP Specification was published on [OpenPeppol eDEC Specifications](#)
    - Impact Analysis & Migration Plan on the changes available at [OpenPeppol eDEC Specifications Change Log](#)
    - Migration period from v1.2.0 to v1.3.0 – 1 December 2023 to 1 June 2024
- Peppol International (PINT) A-NZ
  - Specifications:
    - The full member review of draft PINT A-NZ specifications concluded on 10 November.
    - We have made minor editorial changes and will incorporate the PINT Billing November release (v1.0.1) into the final version.
    - We are expecting v1.0.0 of the PINT A-NZ Billing specification to be published by OpenPeppol in the coming days and will send an email with the link.
    - [A-NZ validation test](#) provides the validation artefacts for offline testing of all PINT A-NZ documents.
  - Migration Planning
    - The only feedback received about the migration timeframes was to lengthen the phase out time, which we have pushed back to May 2025.
    - SPs also provided feedback about testing, including the options for interoperability testing, whether Test Bed 2.0 will have sufficient functionality, and whether the Peppol conformance testing required for biennial PKI certificate renewals will be expanded to include wildcard testing.
      - We have raised these questions with OpenPeppol and will share the details when we have further information.

## Item number 2 – Peppol Authority Updates

- Peppol Authority Specific Requirements (PASRs)
  - Specifications required in A-NZ will be updated in AU and NZ PASRs from the current A-NZ specs to the PINT A-NZ specs.
  - OpenPeppol has issued the PASRs for member review with feedback due 19 January.

## Item number 3 – Service Provider Updates

- **Service Provider Update**
  - Mark Stockwell and Elly Stinchcombe (APA) and Craig Smith (NZPA) attended the Singapore Exchange Summit from 4-6 December.
  - APAC countries were very well represented, with over 25 countries and 150 delegates.
  - Delegates participated in conversations around continuous tax controls and PINT.
  - APAC Peppol Authorities provided country updates.
  - Presentations from EY and PWC presentations provided a good view of the global environment.
  - APAC Peppol Authorities held a *Driving Digitalisation Across APAC* with Peppol panel discussion.
  - North America provided an update on the exchange framework of the Digital Business Networks Alliance.
  - Avalara gave a presentation on *The Increasing Impact of E-Invoicing and E-Reporting on Tax and Business as Usual Processes in Asia-Pacific*.
  - A range of presentations will be made available in coming weeks.
- **A-NZ All Stakeholders Working Group**
  - There have been no meetings since the last SPF.
  - Planning has begun for the first meeting in early 2024.
  - Email [DSPANZ](#), [ATO](#) or [MBIE](#) if you are interested in joining or receiving notifications.

## Item number 4 – OpenPeppol Activities

- Peppol Community Updates
  - **Managing Committee**
    - The Security Committee has been established. A call to appoint members will soon go out to PA and SP communities. SPs are encouraged to participate as OpenPeppol's security posture is under close scrutiny as Policy work on ViDA progresses in the EU.
    - A discussion paper on the review of the revenue model has been completed and will be presented at the next MC++ meeting, tentatively scheduled for February 2024
    - United Arab Emirates and South Korea are both showing interest in implementing Peppol. The UAE has signalled its intention to establish a Peppol Authority.

## Item number 4 – OpenPeppol Activities

- Membership growth is exceeding expectations; the Association now has 542 members. While the boost in revenue is welcome, it does not detract from the need for a comprehensive review of the Association's revenue and cost model.
  - **APP CMB**
    - The refreshed Internal Regulations have been released.
    - The Board is developing its 2024 work program which will include a review of its processes and procedures with a view to reducing the time to process and resolve requests for change.
  - **Peppol Authority Community (PAC)**
    - There have been presentations and discussions on PINT. It was noted that there is increasing interest from EU PAs despite some resistance to the need for migration.
  - **End user Reporting**
    - Central reporting commences from January 2024. Implementation information is provided by OpenPeppol.
    - Service Providers are required to continue monthly reporting to both AU and NZ PAs until further notice. We will review the need for this in the future.
    - OpenPeppol sent an email with the Operational guideline on reporting for SPs on 3 December.
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## Item number 5 – Adoption Update

- New Zealand Update
    - 12,000+ registrations
    - 4,500 eInvoices sent last month – a 35% increase, with 370 active Senders
    - New Zealand has a new government and a new Minister for eInvoicing.
    - Digital initiatives remain a priority and we have already started working with our Minister. We hope to be in a position to share some more detail in the new year.
    - Mark Wierzbicki has left MBIE. Lisa Ringleff and Alan Carnaby are responsible for adoption; Craig Smith is responsible for Peppol Authority and International work and Lisa Archbold is responsible for Technical work.
    - Government
      - 40+ government agencies enabled to receive eInvoices, including 25 central government agencies
      - 155+ suppliers now sending eInvoices to government agencies with more planned, including from the recruitment, IT, stationery, travel and professional services sectors
    - Large Business
      - 25+ of New Zealand's largest and most influential large businesses have committed to championing and implementing eInvoicing via our eInvoicing Adoption Leaders Group
      - Held 4 eInvoicing Community of Practice events and 2 eInvoicing Adoption Leaders Group events (CFO forum), with the addition of 15 new members across the forums.
    - Software
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## Item number 5 – Adoption Update

- 47 eInvoicing ready software products
- We've recently updated our access point provider website list allowing APs to provide a high-level product/service summary, and link to Peppol customer case studies – contact us if you have not yet provided your product/service summary.
- Marketing and Communications
  - Current advertising includes new messages developed off the back of the July market research insights and continues till mid-December – expect to be back in market late January.
  - In mid-November we surveyed 100 suppliers who are sending eInvoices to MBIE to gauge their experience and understand any issues.
  - Planning underway for eDMs targeting recruitment, construction and accounting sectors
  - Looking to ramp up MBIE's supplier onboarding in the new year, with a focus on the recruitment sector
- Australia Update
  - Focus remains upon Government issues and irritants. Working with several Service Providers on issues relating to RMG417.
  - Some of the rules that some Government agencies have are strict. If you have government clients, ask them to review the rules and provide guidance on the rules and why they may have invoices rejected.
  - We held the Community of Operational Leaders in mid-November. We are likely to see another large corporation come on board in the first quarter of 2024.
  - The Champion Adoption Network was held late November. Treasury attended and the group discussed blockers in the network and how to mitigate them.
  - DSP team
    - 41 certified eInvoicing ready products
    - DSP webinar held by ATO MBIE and DSPANZ is now available for viewing via the software developers' site.

## Item number 6 – Other Business

- End of year
  - Australia began the year with approximately 26,000 registrations and now has over 41,500 – a 63% increase.
  - Australia is on track to double eInvoicing network volume (from 215,000 eInvoices in 2022).
  - New Zealand began the year with approximately 7,000 registrations and now has over 12,000 – a 65% increase.
  - New Zealand has led the world for eInvoicing registration growth and ranked in the top 3 countries globally for monthly growth in 2023.
  - The APA will be closed from 12pm 22 December 2023 to 2 January 2024.
  - The NZ PA will be closed from 22 December 2023 to 3 January 2024
  - Thank you to DSPANZ for their community support throughout the year.

## Item number 6 – Other Business

- Thank you to all SPs for your support this year with everything you've done to help grow and strengthen the Peppol network.
  - Next meeting 5 March 2024
  - Meeting closed 11.47 AEDT
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