# CHESS Replacement Technical Committee

7 June 2023



ASX acknowledges the Traditional Owners of Country throughout Australia. We pay our respects to Elders past and present.

 $\mathbb{R}$ 

#### Housekeeping: trouble shooting

- Please mute yourself when not speaking
- Please use the 'raise hand' feature on MS Teams if you would like to ask a question
- Please introduce yourself when talking for the benefit of all members
- Meeting is being recorded for the purposes of minute taking
- Dial in details (audio only):
  - <u>+61 2 7208 4607</u>
  - Phone Conference ID: 486 431 578#
- Presentation materials were distributed before the meeting

### Important information – Competition Law reminder

Committee members are reminded to have regard to their obligations under competition law. In particular, please note that the Competition and Consumer Act prohibits a corporation from engaging with one or more persons in a concerted practice that has the purpose, effect or likely effect of substantially lessening competition.

# Welcome, agenda & open actions



#### Agenda

- Welcome and open actions
- Member feedback from last meeting
- Project status and governance
- Project scope
- Discussion on approach to recommendations on scope
- Forward work plan
- Next steps
- Observer playback



#### Open actions Captured from previous Technical Committees

Item #	Action	Follow-up	Due	Status	Owner
2023 Apr (2)	ASX to review the SGX implementation approach.	Scheduled to speak to SGX on 9 June 2023. Written update to be included with June minutes.	26 July 2023 <del>7 June 2023</del>	Open -> <b>Update in</b> meeting	ASX
2023 May (1)	ASX to consider market operator request to attend Scope Refinement workshop one and three: Sub-register and issuer sponsored enhancement and Corporate Action Processing and efficiency.	Bilateral follow-up post May TC.	7 June 2023	Open -> <b>Closed</b>	ASX
2023 May (2)	ASX to reconsider the date of the Corporate Actions Scope Refinement Workshops scheduled 29 June to accommodate end of financial year corporate actions.	Workshop date rescheduled to 12 July.	7 June 2023	Open -> Closed	ASX

# Member feedback from the last meeting



#### Market feedback Clarifying CHESS Replacement questions

- Interoperability is a key measure defined within the Solution Decision Framework, as defined by the ISO 25010 Product Quality standard. (Solution Decision Framework including criteria categories presented at 12 April TC)
- Separation of clearing and settlement through modular architecture is part of the solution design, as part of ongoing discussions with the market for how implementation risk will be minimised through phasing.
   (Opportunities for staged implementation presented 8 March 2023 TC and played back 12 April 2023 TC)
- API connectivity for CS Industry participants is a defined outcome against the Opportunity Project Objective, 'Create opportunities for industry efficiencies and growth'.

(Project Objectives presented 22 February TC and API connectivity listed as a need in RFI questions distributed 14 March 2023)

capture and register market trades from multiple execution venues, including the interfaces available
es per second).
ole in terms of interoperability between CCPs, SSFs and CSDs.
n to interested parties (e.g. share registries) as result of changes to accounts and their holdings, including
for the ASX and other permitted parties, including data models, historical data retention, API access and
n supports, including supported APIs, interfaces, messaging technologies, standards and protocols,
lude where relevant how they provide confidentiality, integrity, authentication, authorisation, non-
nat if any guarantees these options make with respect to reliable and/or guaranteed delivery,
sactionality.





# Project status & governance

### Redesign Plan Update Plan for Solution Design

	CY Q1	CY Q2	CY Q3 / Q4	
Product Definition & Business Case	<ul> <li>✓ Business Vision &amp; Strategy</li> <li>✓ Program Objectives</li> </ul>	Scope and business requirements refined	<ul> <li>Scope and business requirements baselined</li> <li>Business case submitted</li> </ul>	
Solution Assessment	<ul> <li>✓ Current state evaluation</li> <li>✓ Solution decision framework developed</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>✓ Solution decision framework approved</li> <li>✓ Solution options refinement</li> <li>✓ Solution options evaluated</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Solution design finalised</li> <li>Project estimation completed</li> </ul>	Announcement of solution design
Sourcing & Commercial	<ul><li>✓ Market Scan</li><li>✓ Vendor solution RFI</li></ul>	<ul> <li>✓ Vendor RFI evaluation</li> <li>✓ Vendor RFP issued and responses received</li> <li>❑ Solution integrator RFP</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Vendor commercial and contracting processes</li> <li>SI selection and contracting</li> </ul>	Market engagement on
Testing & Implementation	<ul> <li>Implementation options review</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Implementation impact assessment</li> <li>High level test strategy</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Implementation strategy</li> <li>Test strategy &amp; approach completed</li> </ul>	readiness and implementation planning



# Project scope



### Project scope engagement Session #1 Sub-Register and Issuer Sponsored

The first scope refinement session was held on 25 May.

Before the session, all affected stakeholders were surveyed. Business canvases were created based on feedback received on the following topics:

- 1. Registration details & investor information;
- 2. Holding management; and
- 3. Issuer sponsored holdings.

S	ession Summary	When	Mod.	Invitees
	Sub-Register and Issuer Sponsored	<b>25 May</b> 9am-1pm	AFMA	Settlement. Participants, Share Registries
	High attendance act	ross 18 partici	pants and 5	registries

- participants and registries
  7 in-person attendees (5 participants, 2 registries)
- 6 suggested scope objectives identified to be taken to TC for consideration



#### Project scope – Survey 1 Results playback

Торіс	Question								Total
		Participant/Registry	Strongly Support	Somewhat Support	Neutral	Not Supportive	Not applicable	Number of responses	number of responses
Registration Details	In this context, do you support the ability to transmit additional (beyond current scope) investor data	Participant	2	3	4	1	1	11	12
& Investor Information	between Participants and Share Registries for listed securities?		2	0	0	0	0	2	13
	Do you support the ability for the ASX to capture and record additional investor data against a HIN. The		7	2	2	0	0	11	
	stored Investor data including any standing instructions will be used as a default to auto-notify Share Registries when there is a new holding and/or update to existing details?	Registry	1	0	0	1	0	2	13
	Do you support greater standardisation (i.e. alignment) of registration details across both Broker and	Participant	5	1	4	0	1	11	13
	Issuer Sponsored Sub-registers?	Registry	1	0	1	0	0	2	
Holding	Do you support the ability for a Share Registry or Sponsoring Participants to apply a temporary, time-	Participant	1	1	6	3	0	11	
Management	based holding lock, or partial holding lock, against a broker sponsored holding (to be used, for example, to enforce trading of employee issued securities that are subject to trading blackout restrictions)?	Registry	1	0	0	1	0	2	13
	Do you support the ability to perform a holding movement between HINs (under the same registered holder) across two different Sponsoring Participants, where the standing instructions of the receiving HIN are retained?	Participant	1	1	5	1	3	11	13
		Registry	0	2	0	0	0	2	
	Are you in favour of having greater access (in addition to current message-based reports) to more current CHESS holdings data (e.g. via real-time data API) including record date holdings and/or cum	Participant	6	1	3	1	0	11	13
	ntitlement balances?	Registry	0	1	1	0	0	2	- 15
	you support improvements to the holding adjustment and transfer process in relation to ETF	Participant	3	1	7	0	0	11	12
	creations and redemptions?	Registry	1	1	0	0	0	2	- 13
	Do you support the ability to "tag" or break-down parcels of holdings (such as for the purposes of	Participant	1	0	7	2	1	11 12	13
	tracking foreign ownership, or indicating holdings held by Key Management Personal (KMP) such as Company Directors, or otherwise)?	Registry	1	0	0	1	0	2	
Issuer Sponsored	Do you support the ability for Settlement Participants to apply temporary locks on issuer sponsored	Participant	1	3	4	1	2	11	13
Holdings	securities to improve the process of stock delivery for issuer sponsored securities on settlement?	Registry	0	1	1	0	0	2	1 12
	Have you identified inefficiencies with, and/or do you support improvements to, the current SRN	Participant	7	2	2	0	0	11	13
	enquiry and SRN balance enquiry process(es)?	Registry	1	1	0	0	0	2	

# Moderator playback



### Scope refinement session

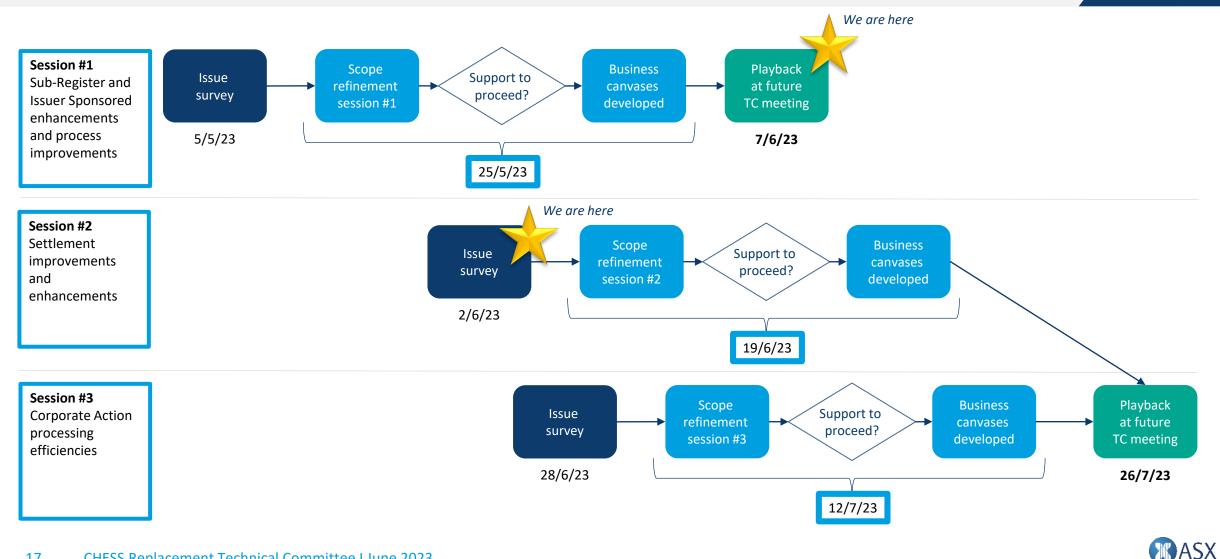
#### **Business canvases overview**

	Canvas	Survey Support	Suggested Objective
1	Registration Details and Investor	77% survey recipients supported scope objective (9 participants, 1 registry)	Scope Objective 1 : Standardise, improve and better synchronise the data sharing between participants and share registries
	Information		Scope Objective 6: Review and simplify the current processes for holding FOR securities
2	SRN Enquiry & Validation	<b>85% survey recipients supported</b> (9 participants, 2 registries)	Scope Objective 2: Implement a faster and more efficient SRN enquiry process
3	lssuer Sponsored Holding Locks	77% survey respondents either supportive or neutral (support- 4 participants, 1 registry, neutral - 4 participants, 1 registry)	Scope Objective 3: Reduce settlement risk in relation to issuer sponsored sales
4	ETF Creations & Redemptions	100% Respondents either supportive or neutral	Scope Objective 4: Reduce operational risk in relation to the current ETF creation/redemption workflow
5	Continuous Holding Balance	62% respondents supported	Scope Objective 5: Provide more efficient, reliable and faster access to holding information
6	CHESS to CHESS Conversion	Scope was either not applicable or understood by 61% of respondents	Limited support to proceed further at this stage
7	lssuer Initiated Holding Lock	Only 23% of respondents supported, 77% did not support or were neutral.	Limited support to proceed further at this stage



#### Project scope next steps

#### Feedback from industry and scope refinement engagement approach



# Discussion on approach to recommendations on scope



### Recommendation approach Scope objectives

Scope objectives identified in each refinement session are presented back to Technical Committee. Once a recommendation is agreed upon in the Technical Committee, it will be shared with the Business Committee.

ASX is seeking to survey committee members on the recommendations on scope objectives.

#### The challenges:

- Prioritising objectives, including scope that may be addressed outside of CHESS Replacement
- Market representation
- Managing diverse perspectives and interests
- Consensus definition
- Weighting requirements



- AMOs
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Vendors
- Insto Participants
- Retail Participants
- Custodian Participants
- Share Registries
- Observers



- Sub-Register and Issuer Sponsored
- Settlement

**Priority** 

Corporate Actions



#### Recommendation approach Market representation

#### TC membership - market split

AMOs	3 <sup>rd</sup> Party Vendors	Participant - Insto	Participant - Retail	Participant - Custodian	Issuers (Share Registries)	Observers
<ol> <li>ASX</li> <li>Cboe</li> <li>NSX</li> <li>Sydney Stock Exchange</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>Broadridge</li> <li>Computershare</li> <li>FinClear</li> <li>FNZ</li> <li>NRI</li> <li>Securitease</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>ABN Amro Clearing</li> <li>Bank Of America/ Merrill Lynch</li> <li>Credit Suisse</li> <li>Goldman Sachs</li> <li>Macquarie Group</li> <li>Morgan Stanley (Securities)</li> <li>Morgan Stanley (Wealth)</li> <li>UBS</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>AUSIEX</li> <li>Bell Potter Securities</li> <li>CMC</li> <li>CommSec</li> <li>FinClear Services</li> <li>Morgans Financial</li> <li>NAB</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>BNP Paribas</li> <li>Citi</li> <li>HSBC</li> <li>J.P. Morgan</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>Advanced Share Registry</li> <li>Automic Group</li> <li>Boardroom</li> <li>Computershare</li> <li>LINK Market Services</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>AFMA</li> <li>ACSA</li> <li>AIRA</li> <li>GIA</li> <li>SIAA</li> <li>ASIC</li> <li>RBA</li> <li>AusPayNet</li> </ol>
4	6	8	7	4	2376 (5)	8
100%	100%		34%		98%	N/A



### Recommendation approach Prioritising scope objectives

- ASX is proposing to survey Technical Committee members on recommendations on scope.
- Scope objectives identified to be outside of CHESS Replacement will be flagged and next steps agreed.
- Post-survey and prior to the Technical Committee on 21 August, a list of all scope objectives will be circulated as pre-reading material. The August TC will include:
  - a walkthrough of the prioritised list of all scope objectives; and
  - an agenda item for committee members to finalise the recommendations to Business Committee on scope objectives.
- CHESS Replacement scope objectives will be followed by detailed analysis.

# Forward work plan



### Forward work plan

#### Calendar invitations have been shared for monthly meetings in 2023





### Forward work plan

#### Topics for the Technical Committee will be in line with the project timeline and phasing

Topics for consideration with this Technical Committee<sup>\*</sup> will likely include:

- Project status updates
- Project risks and issues
- Scope including potential Current CHESS priorities
- Access channels / connectivity options
- Industry readiness activities
- Accenture recommendations

(\*) Member feedback on additional agenda items is welcomed.

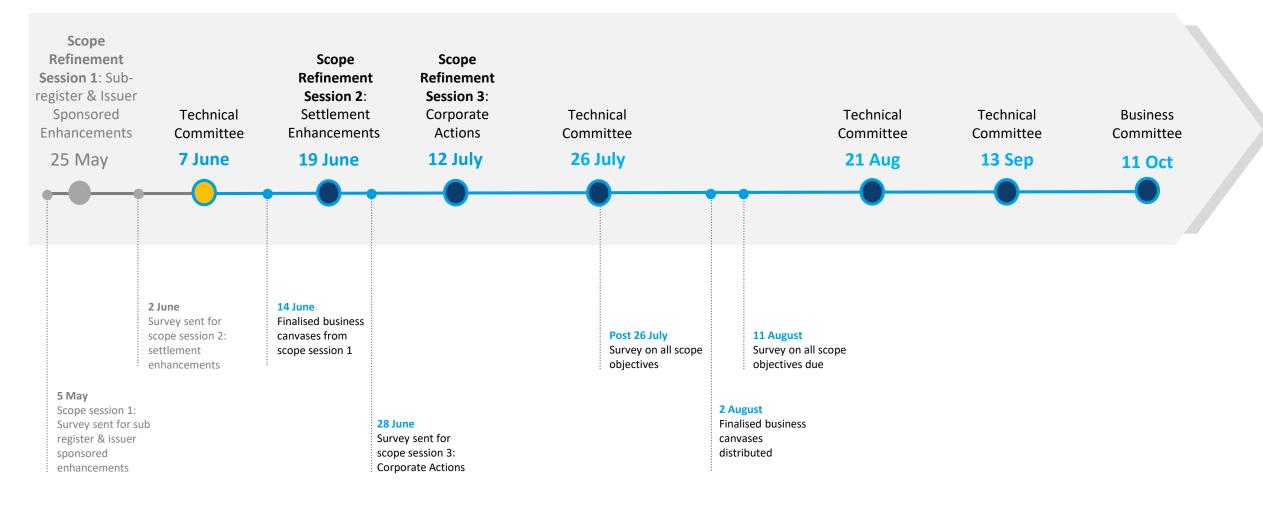


## Next steps



### Technical Committee – Next steps

#### Key dates for recommendations on scope





# Observer playback



Thank you.





#### Disclaimer

This document provides general information only. ASX Limited (ABN 98 008 624 691) and its related bodies corporate ("ASX") makes no representation or warranty with respect to the accuracy, reliability or completeness of the information. To the extent permitted by law, ASX and its employees, officers and contractors shall not be liable for any loss or damage arising in any way (including by way of negligence) from or in connection with any information provided or omitted or from anyone acting or refraining to act in reliance on this information.

© 2023 ASX Limited ABN 98 008 624 691



# Appendix

#### Survey Questions Part 1

Admin	Registration Details & Investor information					
Organisation	do you support the ability to transmit additional (beyond current scope) investor data between Participants and					
email	— Share Registries for listed securities?					
Ph. number	If you are supportive of this change, what additional information should be transmitted? - Selected Choice					
Planned Workshop attendance	If you are supportive of this change, what additional information should be transmitted? - Other (please specify) - Text					
	Do you support the ability for the ASX to capture and record additional investor data against a HIN. The stored Investor data including any standing instructions will be used as a default to auto-notify Share Registries when there is a new holding and/or update to existing details					
	If you are supportive of this change, what additional information should be recorded against a HIN and automatically relayed to an Issuer Registry? - Selected Choice					
	If you are supportive of this change, what additional information should be recorded against a HIN and automatically relayed to an Issuer Registry? - Other (please specify) - Text					
	If applicable, please expand on how this would benefit your organisation, industry and/or the Investor?					
	What would be the challenges or risks of capturing and/or transmitting additional investor information?					
	How many holders should be supported in CHESS Replacement - Selected Choice					
	How many holders should be supported in CHESS Replacement - Other (please specify) - Text					
	Do you support greater standardisation (i.e. alignment) of registration details across both Broker and Issuer Sponsored Sub-registers?					
	If you are supportive of this change, what should be standardised?					
	What impact would standardisation have to your organisations, it's systems and/or processes?					
	Are there further ways in which the information sharing between Issuers, Share Registries, Participants and Investors could be improved?					

#### Survey Questions Part 2

#### **Holding Management**

#### **Issuer Holding Lock**

Do you support the ability for a Share Registry or Sponsoring Participants to apply a temporary, time-based holding lock, or partial holding lock, against a broker sponsored holding (to be used, for example, to enforce trading of employee issued securities that are subject to trading blackout restrictions)?

Please provide rationale for your response, including any benefits, challenges or risks you foresee.

#### Chess to CHESS Conversions

Do you support the ability to perform a holding movement between HINs (under the same registered holder) across two different Sponsoring Participants, where the standing instructions of the receiving HIN are retained?

Please provide rationale for your response, including any benefits, challenges or risks you foresee.

Continuous Holding Balance

Are you in favour of having greater access (in addition to current message-based reports) to more current CHESS holdings data (e.g. via real-time data API) including record date holdings and/or cum entitlement balances?

Please provide rationale for your response, including any benefits, challenges or risks you foresee.

**ETF Creations & Redemptions** 

Do you support improvements to the holding adjustment and transfer process in relation to ETF creations and redemptions?

If so, how would you propose improving this process?

Please provide rationale for your response, including any benefits, challenges or risks you foresee.

Foreign Ownership & Holding Restrictions

Have you experienced any challenges with the current process of using a Residency Indicator (Domestic, Foreign or Mixed) and separate Account (HIN) to hold and manage FOR (Foreign Ownership Restricted) held securities?

If so, what challenges have you faced and how would you propose this is improved?

Do you support the ability to "tag" or break-down parcels of holdings (such as for the purposes of tracking foreign ownership, or indicating holdings held by Key Management Personal (KMP) such as Company Directors, or otherwise)?

If so, for what use cases would this be helpful?

3: Please provide rationale for your response, including any benefits, challenges or risks that you foresee.

#### **Issuer Sponsored Holdings**

#### Issuer Sponsored Holding Locks

Do you support the ability for Settlement Participants to apply temporary locks on issuer sponsored securities to improve the process of stock delivery for issuer sponsored securities on settlement?

Please provide rationale for your response, including any benefits, challenges or risks you foresee.

#### **SRN Enquiry & Validation**

Have you identified inefficiencies with, and/or do you support improvements to, the current SRN enquiry and SRN balance enquiry process(es)?

If so, what improvements would you propose, and how would this differ to the current SRN enquiry and SRN balance enquiry process?

Please provide rationale for your response, including any benefits, challenges or risks you foresee.

