

Simon Foster – Motivation Letter for PoAC Change Management Board

In the role of PoAC CMB Member, I seek to work across the PoAC and broader Peppol membership seeking feedback from all who are interested and supporting the work of the operating office staff. I can bring the perspective of the “new Peppol world” to the PoAC CMB, along with deep technical expertise.

I came to be involved in e-Invoicing after receiving an invite from the Australian Government in January 2016 to participate in a consultation to design the first Australian e-Invoicing Framework. At the time, I had been running, Squirrel Street (formerly Shoeboxed Australia) for 6 years, as one of the earliest receipt scanning startups. Squirrel Street takes receipt and invoice data and integrates it with small business accounting software via public APIs.

It didn't take long before I was sold on the future of e-Invoicing and the benefits it would bring the Australian and global economy. Later in 2016 I joined the Board of the Association of Digital Service Providers Australia and New Zealand (DSPANZ – formerly ABSIA) and was involved in the first tests of the new Australian standard that September. During 2016 and 2017, I was an active participant in a number of DBC Working Groups - including the local equivalents of PoAC and eDEC WG.

In 2018 I took on the role of DSPANZ's e-Invoicing Lead, representing the Australian business software industry on the Digital Business Council itself, and being active in consultations with government and industry. In early 2019, Australia and NZ followed the lead of Singapore and decided to become Peppol Authorities. I was closely involved in this process, through government and industry consultations in both my professional and industry association capacities.

In the last 2 years, I have been an active participant in the weekly Peppol International Invoice (PINT) Working Group meetings led by Georg Birgisson and Paul Simons. I have presented a number of times at the monthly Service Providers Community webinars and represented Service Providers on the Agreements Revision Task Force. In Asia Pacific, I have worked with IMDA in Singapore and led Storecove to 20% of registered end users in Singapore and continue to lead the e-Invoicing Service Provider Community in Australia and NZ, including as co-chair of the working group that developed the [Invoice Content and Invoice Response Industry Practice Statements](#) being implemented across Australia and NZ.

As a developer, myself, I am still directly involved in the technical aspects of Peppol e-Invoicing, assisting with integration projects, interoperability testing and mapping invoice structures to the Peppol BIS.