

Chi-X welcomes Government action to open up clearing for competition and legislate for fair access

Sydney 30 March 2016 Chi-X Australia strongly welcomes today's announcement by the Treasurer's [to open competition in clearing of cash equities](#).

Chi-X Australia CEO John Fildes said, "This is clear recognition by this Government that competition fosters innovation and delivers benefits to all Australian market participants. The benefits competition delivers to Australian investors, consumers and super fund members is exemplified by Chi-X's arrival in Australia which has delivered to all share traders lower trading fees and more price improvement opportunities, a better and more robust trading infrastructure, and an environment where innovative and more efficient trading services and platforms have been introduced to the Australian market.

Chi-X Australia believes that this announcement will fundamentally improve Australia's share trading infrastructure and platforms.

"Since the Government moratorium on competition in clearing was announced in February 2013, the ASX has had the opportunity to demonstrate its ability to deliver the benefits of competition and to provide fair and equal access under its own Code of Conduct. Chi-X welcomes the Government's decision today to move on from the moratorium and the ASX Code and open clearing to competition. Chi-X also welcomes the decisions to empower the ACCC to arbitrate on access disputes and to introduce a legislative framework for fair and efficient access to ASX's clearing and settlement services.

"In the short term [clearing fees in Australia remain too high](#), even after the modest ten percent cut finally takes effect later this year, especially with the move to T+2 settlement decreasing the risk premium and capital requirements of clearers.

"However the Government's announcement today paves the way for a more efficient clearing service over the long term. Chi-X will be at the forefront of looking for and encouraging more efficient and cheaper post trade services in Australian cash equities," John Fildes said.

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About Chi-X® Australia

Chi-X Australia offers a valuable marketplace for trading ASX securities using its low latency, high performance, proven trading system. Its launch introduced to the Australian market innovative new orders types, the potential for lower costs and a more efficient way to trade.



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In 2015 Chi-X [launched](#) its a new investment products trading and issuing platform in Australia.

In April 2015 [Chi-X Australia won “Best Alternative Trading System”](#) of the year by leading regional financial publication *The Asian Banker*.

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