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## RIAA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR STEPS DOWN

After 11 years at the helm of the Responsible Investment Association Australasia, Executive Director Louise O'Halloran has decided to step down to take a break from executive duties. She has kindly agreed to stay on in her role until the RIAA conference on 30 & 31 August, and after the conference will be working for RIAA until November on some content development work for the RI Academy.

Louise was the first employee of the Association, whose membership now represents over \$650 billion in funds under management and covers the investment chain spectrum - from advisers and dealer groups, to investment managers, superannuation funds, faith-based investors, research firms, asset consultants and insurance companies.

In her time at RIAA, Louise has pioneered a range of unique initiatives designed to accelerate responsible investment knowledge and uptake. In collaboration with her board and industry colleagues, she established the world's first independently audited certification program for responsible investment products and services; produced a web-based financial adviser course in association with Ethical Investment Services and SAI Global; delivered RIAA's popular international conferences; and launched the RI Academy, a structured, web-based curriculum which now has over 600 users worldwide. Her thought provoking slide show, *Enlightened Self Interest*, has been delivered over 100 times, and has been licensed by 150 users across the world.

"RIAA's success is a tribute to the many passionate, intelligent and tenacious members of the Association who have worked so hard to elevate responsible investment to where it is today – an industry widely respected and admired," said Louise. "I have been fortunate to work with deeply committed and exceptionally bright people, particularly the various board members of RIAA along the way. This, more than anything, has given me the support to undertake work that has been intensely satisfying and challenging. That said, there is so much more that can be achieved in this area, and that I want to be part of, and I am excited about what lies ahead."

"RIAA's members have been incredibly fortunate to have a passionate and dedicated servant like Louise", said RIAA Chair Duncan Paterson. "Her time at RIAA has been characterised by creativity and growth in our membership base, as the responsible investment community grows. I'm hoping as many members as possible can come along to the conference in Melbourne and join me in bidding Louise a fond farewell."

Louise's departure will be formally announced at the upcoming RIAA Conference in Melbourne:  
[www.responsibleinvestment.org/riaa-conference-2012](http://www.responsibleinvestment.org/riaa-conference-2012)

Sarah Clawson will be acting in the role of interim RIAA General Manager from the date of the conference. "The board is confident that RIAA is in good hands with Sarah while we begin the challenging task of finding a replacement for Louise", said Duncan.

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