

## PRESS RELEASE

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### **Achmea appoints Emma Thomas as Chief Executive Officer Achmea Australia**

Sydney / Zeist – Achmea has appointed Emma Thomas as Chief Executive Officer of Achmea Australia, effective April 15, 2017 and pending regulatory approval. Emma Thomas succeeds Timo van Voorden who will step down after having held the role of Chief Executive Officer of Achmea Australia for five years. Emma Thomas is currently active at Farmers Mutual Group in New Zealand, where she started in 2007 and has spent the majority of her tenure as National Sales Manager. Before that, she held various financial and management positions at Fronde Systems Group and Deloitte.

Uco Vegter, managing director of Achmea International, is pleased to announce Emma Thomas as the new CEO for Achmea Australia. "We are delighted to appoint Emma Thomas as CEO of our growing Australian insurance operation. Emma Thomas has extensive knowledge of the agricultural insurance market and has a strong financial and sales management background. I am very grateful for the great work Timo van Voorden has done in building the company from the ground up and I have the fullest confidence that with the leadership of Emma Thomas Achmea Australia will continue to be the best insurer for farmers in Australia."

Emma Thomas: "I'm excited to join the Achmea Australia team and bring my rural insurance experience to the position of CEO. Having seen first-hand the devastating impacts, both commercially and personally of natural disasters and storm events on the farming community, the mutual ethos has a very important role in the Australian insurance industry. I look forward to building from the proud history Achmea has in supporting rural businesses and putting clients first."

#### *About Achmea Australia*

Achmea Australia is a dedicated agricultural insurance company committed to reducing risks and premiums to its Australian customers. It works with its clients to prevent and manage risks across five categories: buildings, inventory (including crop and livestock); business interruption; vehicles and liability. It's All-in-One Farm Pack allows customers to tailor their cover to their precise needs. Achmea Australia has an exclusive distribution philosophy. It believes in its collaboration with Rabobank which has a strong presence in rural Australia. By employing their own Risk Specialists it is adding value to its customers with a personalised and tailored service as well as keeping costs down. Achmea Australia enjoys the financial strength of its parent company Achmea, based in the Netherlands. More information: [www.achmea.com.au](http://www.achmea.com.au)

#### *About Achmea*

Established in 1811, today Achmea is the largest insurance group in the Netherlands. In its home market, Achmea is market leader in non-life and health insurance. Gross written premiums for the group totaled approximately 20 billion euros over 2016, while the group's solvency ratio remained strong at 181%. The group also offers income protection insurance, life insurance, pensions services and mortgages. Asset manager Achmea Investment Management, has over 116 billion euros in assets under management. Internationally, Achmea is active in Turkey, Greece, Ireland, Australia and Slovakia. Each insurer has deep understanding of its local market and customers. More information: [www.achmea.com](http://www.achmea.com)

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