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BOARD APPOINTMENT

Wesfarmers today announced the appointment of Jennifer Westacott to the board of Wesfarmers Limited, effective from today 3 April.

Ms Westacott is chief executive of the Business Council of Australia, the leading forum for the heads of Australia's top 100 companies to contribute to public policy debate.

Before taking up her current role two years ago, she was a Board Director and lead partner at KPMG, heading its Sustainability, Climate Change and Water practice and its NSW State Government practice. This followed a number of leadership positions in the NSW and Victorian Governments, most recently Director General of the NSW Department of infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources.

Wesfarmers Chairman, Dr Bob Every, said he was extremely pleased to welcome Melbourne-based Ms Westacott to the board.

"Jennifer brings extensive and valuable policy experience in both the public and private sectors to our company," he said.

"She has demonstrated outstanding leadership in refocussing and engaging the BCA on the major economic challenges facing Australia and brings particular knowledge and expertise in the important areas of economic policy, infrastructure, sustainability, and public sector policy and reform."

Ms Westacott said she was delighted to be given the opportunity to serve on the board of such a prominent Australian company, and the country's largest private sector employer.

"It is an opportunity to see up close the challenges of a business spanning different sectors of the Australian economy," Ms Westacott said.

"I look forward to bringing to the company my privileged overview of the Australian economy and its challenges and opportunities, broad knowledge of regulation and public policy, and a real passion for growing national prosperity."

Dr Every said the new appointment would strengthen the board's succession and renewal planning, ensuring continuity in the mix of skills, knowledge, experience and diversity on the board in coming years.

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Further Background

Ms Westacott has a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) from the University of NSW.

Other offices, memberships and awards include:

- Adjunct Professor, City Research Futures Centre, University of NSW;
- National Fellow of the Institute of Public Administration Australia;
- Fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Directors;
- Chevening Scholar, London School of Economics;
- Finalist, Telstra Business Woman of the Year 1998; and
- Centenary Medal 2003.

Proposed Wesfarmers Committee Memberships:

- Member of the Audit Committee; and
- Member of the Nomination Committee.

