Payments Roadmaps: Lessons from Australia’s New Payments Platform

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How do networked competitors build new shared infrastructure?

3 issues:

1. Who has to engage?
2. What is the burning platform?
3. What are the key tactical requirements?
Australian payments: the 50-cent tour
Transactions per capita, 2012

Debit and Credit Card transactions per capita

Source: McKinsey Global Payments Map, Revised and Updated by APCA using BIS data, December 2013

1 Debit & credit card transactions, excluding ePurse and prepaid
2 Electronic consist of credit transfers and Direct (ACH) debits; for this purpose it excludes card transactions
Australian payments: the 50-cent tour
Non-cash payments per capita

Source: APCA, RBA
The trouble with network change....

A critical mass for change is nearly everyone:

• Major players (funding, volume)
• Regulators (policy, approvals)
• New, small and alternative players (legitimacy)
• Operators (expertise, infrastructure)
NPP Participants
Ubiquitous networking: a game changer

- Own device
- Open platform automation
- Access to many alternative networks
Competition dynamics are changing rapidly
Porter’s strategic responses

1. Operational effectiveness
2. Product innovation
3. Repositioning
4. Reshaping

Competitive

Collaborative
Pressures: regulatory demands

“...market forces might not be sufficient to produce some types of innovation that are in the public interest...[and] innovation is important to [the Board’s regulatory mandate]”

Payments System Board, Reserve Bank of Australia, June 2012

“The challenge for the industry is to provide a payment system for the future that combines the valued attributes of legacy payment methods... with new technology.”

The Federal Reserve Banks, September 2013
The target: fast, flexible, data-rich payments infrastructure
Integration/Ubiquity

Users

Low

Overlays

High

Diversity/Contestability

Providers

High

Infrastructure

Low

Payers & Payees

NPP (inc. central bank settlement)

Instant Mobile

Car Sales

Land Auction

Pension Rollover etc

Improving Australian Payments
NPP Australia Limited
- Mutual Structure
- Participant Rules

Business agreements between FIs and Overlay Services

RBA Fast Settlement Service

Legal Agreement

Operational Agreement

Membership

Service Contracts

NPP Operator
- NPP Network
- NPP Switch
- NPP Addressing Service

Overlay Services

Improving Australian Payments
Elements of basic infrastructure

- Ubiquitous open network
- Extensible message formats using ISO20022 global standard
- Fast ADI to ADI turnaround
- New platform, not a replacement
- Real-time value delivery through RBA
Overlay services – key concepts

• Using the infrastructure, but commercially run
• Varied and potentially competitive
• Payment providers must belong to infrastructure, but can choose which overlays to use
• Extra “tailored” data – to link payment with transaction
• Conditionality
Why do it this way?

• Versatility
  – Providers need to serve all, any time: p2p, consumer/retail, b2b, g2p and so on

• Speed
  – In the era of the cloud, customer expectations are for real-time service. This must be built in.

• Data-richness
  – As economic activity goes fully digital, the payment must be embedded in the transaction.
Program status and next steps

- We are in the final stages of sourcing the vendors for the Basic Infrastructure and Initial Convenience Service provider.
- Participants are now considering participation and connection options.
- The PMSO is focused on maintaining momentum into the next phase of the Program – Design & Elaborate.
Tactical Requirements – the “5 C’s”

Tickets to the game:
• Commitment
  – For the long haul
• Cudgels
  – “Do nothing” must look dangerous
• Carrots
  – Is there a sustainable opportunity for profit?

Execution:
• Champions
  – Industry leaders must buy in
• Catalysts
  – Who’s doing the running around?
Bright ideas 2008...

A “layered system topology”...familiar?
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