Research with impact – reality or rhetoric? More than ever marketing academics are challenged to demonstrate the impact of their research. Research impact is central to funding models, ranking systems and governments seeking to demonstrate international standing or lower their risk profiles. The impact of our research can be felt directly through the decisions and actions taken by businesses and consumers or through wider social, cultural, economic and environmental benefits. The challenge for the academy is to define and measure the impact of our research; a big challenge if only due to lag effects. In markets and marketing the consequences can take a very long time between theory antecedents and outcomes. However, despite the lag, on a daily basis we are asked to explain ‘so what’? So… what value does our work contribute to society and the people we serve from consumers through to corporations and governments?

ANZMAC 2017 encourages scholars to submit research that emphasises the ‘so what’ in their research and demonstrates a clear understanding of the influence that their research has on business and society. ANZMAC 2017 will provide a forum where scholars engage in a robust conversation on the impact of their research and of marketing in general.

**KEY DATES FOR COMPETITIVE PAPERS:**
Paper submissions open: 29 May 2017  
**Paper submissions close: 30 June 2017**  
Authors notified of paper outcome: 29 August 2017  
Conference: 4-6 December 2017

It is a condition of acceptance of the paper that at least one of the authors must attend the conference and present the paper. However, to provide maximum numbers of marketing educators the opportunity to participate, no author may present more than two papers at the conference. Competitive papers must be submitted for review in only one (1) track. Authors should identify the most suitable track. If multiple entries of the same paper are sent to more than one track the Programme Chair will nominate the track in which the paper will be reviewed. We reserve the right to shift your paper to a different track if we deem it more appropriate.
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Authors of papers that are accepted can then select the option to be published as a short abstract, the two-page paper, or a longer five-page paper.

Font: Times New Roman 12pt, justified
Margins: 2.5cm all sides
Spacing: Single spaced, with one blank line between paragraphs
Title: No more than seven words
Short Abstract: Maximum of 150 words
Keywords: No more than three
Paper: Two pages (not including short abstract and references)
Referencing style: Australasian Marketing Journal format (see here)
**Suggested Paper Structure** (Also refer to the Submission example provided on the conference website)

Page 1: Title, Short Abstract, Keywords

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**Introduction**
- Identify the context for the research; main research question(s).
- Address the 'so what' question or importance of the research as per the theme of the conference.

**Background and/or Conceptual Model**
- Address the conceptual and/or theoretical foundations for the research.

**Methodology**
- Succinctly address the research design, the rigour of the data collection process and the quality of the data.

**Results and/or Discussion**
- Succinctly address the key findings so that the 'so what' question can be answered and easily determined by reviewers.

**Implications for Theory and Practice**
- Succinctly state how your research influences key stakeholders and adds value to society (the external 'so what').
- Succinctly state what the implications are for members of the academy and other researchers (the internal 'so what').

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