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Sent: Friday, 5 June 2026 4:35 PM
To: Rachel Houghton; Kath Gleeson
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Thank you. s 47E

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FYI re media reporting about KPMG.

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From: Rachael Spalding s 47F
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To: Sally So s 47F; s 47F; Rachel Houghton s 47F
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Morning all,

I thought you might be interested in the developments in the short article below.

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KPMG global: KPMG’s whistleblower scandal has gone global, with *The Financial Times* reporting that KPMG’s whistleblower took his allegations to the firm’s global bosses getting no satisfaction at home, but was rebuffed there too. The whistleblower alerted KPMG International chair Bill Thomas and global general counsel Anne Collins to his allegations in May 2025, about a year after first raising them with KPMG Australia. The *paper* said citing unnamed sources. KPMG International declined to investigate, with the firm Freshfields endorsing the position that it lacked authority to launch a probe. Back home, RBA governor Michele Bullock yesterday confirmed the central bank will re-tender multiple contracts with KPMG, including its FairCall whistleblower hotline worth \$10 million a year and its immigration services, after the consulting firm admitted it failed to adequately address its whistleblower’s allegations. Bullock told a senate committee hearing she did not think the central bank would reappoint KPMG to the whistleblower service, and signalled broader reluctance to contract with KPMG in future in light of allegations including unethical use of information to win contracts, mistreatment of whistleblowers and use of AI to cheat in exams. “I think we’d be looking very closely at KPMG,” Bullock said. Superfund Rest also told *Bloomberg* it was “concerned by the information in the public arena” and was seeking more information. ([Capital Brief](#))([FT](#))([Bloomberg](#))

Thank you very much.

Rachael.

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