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Inaugural industry panel on cyber and AI risk

On 20 May 2026, the Digital Finance Research Hub hosted its inaugural industry panel discussion, *Navigating Cyber and AI Risks in Financial Institutions: Governance, Assurance and Safe Digital Transformation*.

The event brought together a distinguished group of industry and regulatory experts to share practical perspectives on how financial institutions are responding to a fast-changing cyber and AI risk landscape:

- Jane Hogan-France (Allianz)
- Hadi Rahnama (Bank of Queensland)
- Leon Moll (APRA)
- Tim Timchur (CPA Australia / 365 Architects).

The panel explored the growing importance of robust governance, assurance, operational resilience, and responsible AI adoption across the financial sector. Rather than treating these as separate concerns, the discussion drew out how closely they are connected — and how the institutions navigating them are increasingly looking to research for evidence and guidance.

A highlight of the afternoon was the interactive break-out corner discussions, where researchers and HDR students worked directly with industry and regulatory practitioners to translate real-world challenges into meaningful research questions and concrete opportunities for collaboration.

We were delighted by the strong turnout, the energy in the room, and the depth of engagement across disciplines and sectors. The event forged valuable connections between academia, industry, and regulators, and generated a number of promising ideas for follow-up research, training, and cross-industry collaboration — exactly the kind of practice-informed dialogue the Hub was created to spark.

The Digital Finance Research Hub thanks all the panellists, participants, and colleagues who made the event such a success, and looks forward to carrying these conversations forward.