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### BACKGROUND

ACCI has been the peak council of Australian business associations for 106 years and traces its heritage back to Australia's first chamber of commerce in 1826.

Our motto is "Leading Australian Business."

We are also the ongoing amalgamation of the nation's leading federal business organisations - the Australian Chamber of Commerce, the Associated Chamber of Manufactures of Australia, the Australian Council of Employers Federations and the Confederation of Australian Industry.

Membership of ACCI is made up of the State and Territory Chambers of Commerce and Industry together with the major national industry associations.

Through our membership, ACCI represents over 350,000 businesses nation-wide, including over 280,000 enterprises employing less than 20 people, over 55,000 enterprises employing between 20-100 people and the top 100 companies.

Our employer network employs over 4 million people which makes ACCI the largest and most representative business organisation in Australia.

### OUR ACTIVITIES

ACCI takes a leading role in representing the views of Australian business to government.

Our objective is to ensure that the voice of Australian businesses is heard, whether they are one of the top 100 Australian companies or a small sole trader.

Our specific activities include:

- representation and advocacy to governments, parliaments, tribunals and policy makers both domestically and internationally;
- business representation on a range of statutory and business boards, committees and other fora;
- representing business in national and international fora including the Australian Industrial Relations Commission, Australian Safety and Compensation Council, International Labour Organisation, International Organisation of Employers, International Chamber of Commerce, the Business and Industry Advisory Committee to the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, the Confederation of Asia-Pacific Chambers of Commerce and Industry and the Confederation of Asia-Pacific Employers;
- research and policy development on issues concerning Australian business;
- the publication of leading business surveys and other information products; and
- providing forums for collective discussion amongst businesses on matters of law and policy affecting commerce and industry.

## PUBLICATIONS

A range of publications are available from ACCI, with details of our activities and policies including:

- the *ACCI Review* a monthly analysis of major policy issues affecting the Australian economy and business;
- issue papers commenting on business' views of contemporary policy issues;
- *Policies of the Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry* – the annual bound compendium of ACCI's policy platforms;
- the *Westpac-ACCI Survey of Industrial Trends* - the longest, continuous running private sector survey in Australia. A leading barometer of economic activity and the most important survey of manufacturing industry in Australia;
- the *SAI Global-ACCI Survey of Investor Confidence* – which gives an analysis of the direction of investment by business in Australia;
- the *St.George-ACCI Business Expectations Survey* - which aggregates individual surveys by ACCI member organisations and covers firms of all sizes in all States and Territories;
- the *St.George-ACCI Small Business Survey* – which is a survey of small business derived from the Business Expectations Survey data;
- workplace relations reports and discussion papers, including the *ACCI Modern Workplace: Modern Future 2002-2010 Policy Blueprint* and the *Functioning Federalism and the Case for a National Workplace Relations System* and *The Economic Case for Workplace Relations Reform* Position Papers;
- occupational health and safety guides and updates, including the *National OHS Strategy and the Modern Workplace: Safer Workplace* Policy Blueprint;
- trade reports and discussion papers including the *Riding the Chinese Dragon: Opportunities and Challenges for Australia and the World* Position Paper;
- education and training reports and discussion papers;
- the *ACCI Annual Report* providing a summary of major activities and achievements for the previous year; and
- the *ACCI Taxation Reform Blueprint: A Strategy for the Australian Taxation System 2004–2014*.

Most of this information, as well as ACCI media releases, parliamentary submissions and reports, is available on our website – [www.acci.asn.au](http://www.acci.asn.au).