



Mexican Institute of Infrastructure Development

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To: Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence & Trade

Re: Australia's Relationship with Mexico, Australian Senate Inquiry

The Mexican Institute of Infrastructure Development (IMEXDI) enthusiastically renders this complementary submission before the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence & Trade of the Australian Senate. Our submission proposes the establishment of a centre in Mexico, to gather, host and disseminate Australia's knowledge, skills, expertise and best practices in the management of natural resources industries.

Australian-Mexican Centre for the Management of Natural Resources Industries

Background: Australia is one of the world's leading nations in the management of natural resources industries, including mining, oil, gas, renewable energy and water

Institution: The Australian-Mexican Centre for the Management of Natural Resources Industries, to be established in Mexico City, with IMEXDI acting as the Mexican partner, responsible for the centre's establishment and operation under a long-term agreement with the Australian Government

Expected Outcome: The Australian-Mexican Centre for the Management of Natural Resources Industries would provide an entry point for Australian government bodies, think-tanks, universities, non-governmental organizations, media, trade associations, financial institutions, natural resources and associated technologies companies, and professional services firms into the Mexican natural resources industries' ecosystem, facilitating their international institutional development, while gathering, housing and disseminating their unique knowledge, skills, expertise and best practices in the management of natural resources industries

Knowledge Areas: The Australian-Mexican Centre for the Management of Natural Resources Industries' scope would include the management of the entire project life cycle in each natural resources industry, the introduction of advanced technologies, products and services, the management of relationships with surrounding communities, stewardship of the environment, and respect for ethical standards

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Recommendations:

- Develop a long-term strategic vision for the Australian-Mexican Centre for the Management of Natural Resources Industries, in conjunction with IMEXDI
- Fund the launch and operations of the Australian-Mexican Centre for the Management of Natural Resources Industries in Mexico City, with IMEXDI acting as the Mexican partner, responsible for the centre's establishment and operations under a long-term agreement with the Australian Government
- Approach Australian government bodies, think-tanks, universities, non-governmental organizations, media, trade associations, financial institutions, natural resources and associated technologies companies, and professional services firms with knowledge, skills, expertise and best practices that add value to the centre, with the objective of establishing promotion and cooperation agreements with them
- Provide a supporting communications platform to leverage the centre's activities and results as broadly as possible

Note on AMIFF

With respect to AMIFF, presented in our initial submission, we wish to announce that due to the recent signing of the TPP, and in order to better capitalize on the increased interest in Mexico from Australian organizations, the event has been rescheduled for a date in February or March, 2016. This will allow the Australian government, should it wish to, to provide financial support, and to help promote the event in Australia to the superannuation industry, all associated financial and professional services firms, construction companies and their suppliers, as well as government bodies and the media.

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**Respectfully,
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