

## **Australian Industry Participation Working Group Terms of Reference**

### **Purpose:**

The Australian Industry Participation Working Group (the Working Group) will provide advice to the Australian Government on the implementation of the measures to extend Australian Industry Participation (AIP) that the Prime Minister Julia Gillard announced on 6 October 2011.

### **Structure:**

The Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research anticipates that the Working Group will meet twice and report back to the Australian Government before the end of 2011.

The Working Group will be comprised of representatives from Government, industry and unions and will operate from 23 November until 31 January 2012.

The Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research (the Department of Innovation) will provide policy advice and secretariat support for the Working Group including facilitating stakeholder linkages, assisting in the promotion of the work of the Working Group.

### **Membership:**

The Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research has approved the Working Group membership to consist of representatives nominated by the Western Australian Government (representing states and territories), Australian Industry Group (industry), the Australian Council of Trade Unions (to nominate a representative from a union), Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Commonwealth agencies) and the Australian Petroleum Production and Exploration Association (industry). The Minister also approved that the Working Group be chaired by Mr Mike Lawson, Head of Manufacturing Division at the Department of Innovation.

All members will be appointed until 31 January 2012, at which point membership will cease. If any member is unable to fulfil their role on the Working Group, the Minister may appoint a replacement. The Minister will endeavour to maintain a balanced group of stakeholders when making reappointments.

### **Activities:**

The Working Group will advise the Government on the effective and efficient implementation of the following measures:

- a) requiring publication of AIP Plans and outcomes;
- b) requiring more comprehensive evidence of opportunities being made available to Australian industry through all stages of the Enhanced Project By-law Scheme (EPBS);
- c) requiring project proponents to list details of opportunities for Australian industry to participate in major projects on a public website for large EPBS projects (greater than \$2 billion);

- d) requiring project proponents to report more regularly on AIP Plans and their outcomes, for large EPBS projects (greater than \$2 billion);
- e) amending the EPBS guidelines to require approval of eligible goods as an additional step for large projects (greater than \$2 billion),
- f) extending AIP Plans to projects which receive Commonwealth grants over \$20 million;
- g) extending AIP Plans to large infrastructure projects where funding over \$20 million is provided by the Commonwealth through the states and territories, and where a local implementation plan is absent.

**Reporting:**

The Working Group will provide a report to the Australian Government. This report will be made public when the Australian Government's decisions are announced.