## BULLETIN

## **Commercial Vehicle Body Manufacturers Association**



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## **Australian Indonesian Trade Agreement**

Dear Member

VACC is a member of the Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, and is seeking views from business in relation to Australian interests for the Indonesia-Australia Business Partnership Agreement. The Indonesia- Australia Business Partnership Group (IA-BPG) was formed as a platform to discuss business interests and provide recommendations to Government on the trade relationship. The IA-BPG is calling for an ambitious Australian- Indonesian trade agreement and is seeking views from business, before it provides its recommendations to the Government. The IA-BPG will be looking at a range of mutually beneficial economic cooperation programs to be developed alongside an Australian-Indonesian trade agreement. Specifically, feedback on the following is welcome to feed through:

- The current trade, investment and economic cooperation profile between the two countries
- Identification of economy-wide and sectoral trade and investment opportunities in both countries, as well as how economic cooperation could narrow the development gap between the two countries
- Identification of impediments to increasing two-way trade and investment, and to developing greater economic interaction, including the scope for both countries to cooperate to facilitate access to third markets, as well as facilitating increased participation in global value chains
- Assessment of ways in which increased trade and investment will enhance inclusive and sustainable economic growth, and enable these benefits to be distributed widely through both economies, including to small and medium business and regional areas
- Propose mechanisms and actions to eliminate or mitigate impediments, and facilitate widespread distribution of the benefits of enhanced economic integration
- Recommendations for the content of the IA-CEPA and its negotiation and implementation.
- Strengthening the understanding and partnership between Indonesian and Australian business communities and contribute to the development of an effective private and public sector dialogue

We welcome your views that can assist us with ideas and issues that can be advanced or overcome in the formal negotiation of a Comprehensive Economic Partnership between Australia and Indonesia.

Please send your comments to <a href="mailto:lyilmaz@vacc.com.au">lyilmaz@vacc.com.au</a> by 1 July 2016.

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