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14 November 2013

Mr Mark Scott AO
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Dear Mr Scott

I am writing to you in accordance with instructions received from Mr Jon Grayson, Director-General of the Department of the Premier and Cabinet, Queensland Government.

In this respect, I refer you to the ABC's *7.30 Report* screened on 29 October 2013, and certain statements made during that program regarding Mr Grayson's role as the government member of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority (GBRMPA) and his ownership of a passive interest in Gasfields Water and Waste Management Pty Ltd (GWWM).

In this regard, your program failed to establish that any conflict of interest exists, because none does. In this regard, GBRMPA has not considered any port developments, or any other matters, relevant to the interests of GWWM.

I am also instructed that your program emphasised links to the Obeid family. This element of the program appears to have no purpose but to add sensation by incorrectly inferring that Mr Grayson's relationship with Mr Eddie Obeid Jnr extends to a business relationship beyond a common shareholding.

Mr Grayson wishes to reiterate the comments provided by the Premier's spokesperson on this matter, and rejects any suggestion that he has a conflict of interest. Mr Grayson will fully co-operate with the independent probity inquiry requested by the Federal Minister for the Environment, the Honourable Greg Hunt MP, and looks forward to its findings.

Whilst Mr Grayson welcomes public debate on important matters affecting the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park, he would encourage the ABC to report responsibly on these matters.

To this end Mr Grayson is concerned that the ABC has published in its report statements that are both misleading and injurious to his reputation. He is currently considering the options available to him to redress this situation, and will monitor any further publication by the ABC on this matter.

Yours sincerely



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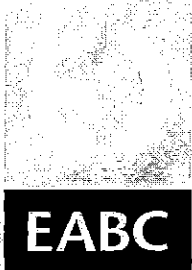
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Dear Premier

On behalf of the Board and Members of the European Australian Business Council (EABC) I am delighted to extend an invitation to you to be the guest of honour to launch a programme of Council activities in Brisbane.

Over the past five years the Council has evolved as one of the most active and regarded corporate forums in Australia. Our programmes bring together senior executive and board-level representatives of major Australian, European and multi-national companies with national and state government leaders, regulators, diplomats, and visiting European leaders and officials.

We are currently active in Sydney, Melbourne and Canberra, and we will launch a full programme of Council activities in Brisbane from 2013 onwards.

The Council is recognised and supported by both the European Commission and the Australian Government as the peak business organisation supporting the Australia-EU relationship, with our wider membership including all European bilateral chambers of commerce, together with many European embassies, trade commissions, and other peak business and industry organisations.

Despite the current financial crisis, the European Union remains Australia's largest overall economic partner. It is our second largest merchandise trade partner, largest services trade partner and largest source of overseas investment.

In policy terms Brussels, as described by *The Economist* is clearly emerging as the "world's regulatory capital". With a single market of 500M consumers across 27 Member States, the EU is the world's largest economic region and trading bloc, with its leading companies increasingly focused on opportunities in Australia and the Asia Pacific region.

With the intense economic and public policy challenges facing the international business environment in Australia and around the world, the Council provides a forum for policy-makers and business leaders to participate in dialogue on economic and public policy developments affecting the Australia-Europe relationship in a consultative, collegiate and off-the-record setting.

Each year the Council takes a high-level business mission to Europe. In June this year we met with leaders and senior officials from the from the European Commission, European Parliament, European Central Bank, Bundesbank, Belgian National Bank, European Funds and Asset Management Association, the Port of Rotterdam, Shell and The Hague Centre for Strategic Studies.

Membership of the Council reflects the breadth of the Australia-Europe economic relationship, together with all of the European chambers of commerce in Australia. Collectively our member companies have over \$300 billion in annual revenue and over one million employees.

Our corporate leadership group includes Acciona, BHP Billiton, Brambles, Credit Suisse, Ericsson, Goldman Sachs, GPT, Louis Vuitton, Lynas, M&C Saatchi, Minter Ellison, NAB, PwC, Qantas, Servcorp, Thales and Visa, among many others.

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Our Board and Council include some of Australia's most respected corporate and political figures who host and lead discussion at Council events.

Members of our Board include BKK Chairman Alastair Walton (Chairman), ASPI Chairman Stephen Loosley (Deputy Chairman), Monash Deputy Vice Chancellor Professor Stephanie Fahey (Deputy Chairman), Brambles Chairman Graham Kraehe AO, former PwC Chairman and Partner Bruce Morgan, Sydney Airport Chairman Max Moore-Wilton AC, Goldman Sachs CEO Simon Rothery, Thales Chairman Paul McClintock AO and Carla Zampatti AC.

Further, the Board is supported by a Council including Qantas Chairman Leigh Clifford AO, NAB CEO Cameron Clyne, Capital Investment Chairman Charles Curran AC, Lynas Chairman Nicholas Curtis AM, EU Ambassador David Daly, ANZSOG Dean Professor Allan Fels AO, Infrastructure NSW Chairman Nick Greiner AC, National Security College Director Michael L'Estrange AO, Macquarie Group Chairman Kevin McCann AM, First Charnock CEO Hugh Morgan AC, Australia Post Chairman David Mortimer AO, Ambassador Brendan Nelson, UWS Chancellor Peter Shergold AC, ANZ Chairman (NSW & ACT) Warwick Smith AM, Woolworths Chairman James Strong AO, and QIC Chairman Peter Young AM.

We have identified a number of Brisbane-based corporate leaders to appoint to our leadership group once our programme is launched. We have held preliminary discussions with the Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning, the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade's Brisbane office, and with Governor Penny Wensley (with whom we have worked during her appointment as Ambassador to France), all of whom have offered support for our planned expansion to Queensland.

State Premiers have been very supportive of the Council's activities and we have confirmed events in the future with Premiers O'Farrell, Barnett, Weatherill and anticipate Premier Baillieu also. Former Premiers Keneally, Carr, Brumby, Bracks, Rann, Bligh and Beattie addressed the Council during their respective terms of office.

Subject to your agreement in principle, we will work closely with your office on the preferred date and format for the launch event.

Thank you for your consideration of this invitation, and we look forward to a successful launch in Brisbane and to working with your Government on an ongoing basis.

Yours sincerely,



ALASTAIR WALTON
President

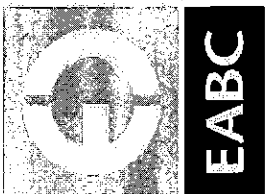


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EABC Major Partners

Austrade

BHP Billiton

Brambles

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The GPT Group

The Group of Eight

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National Australia Bank

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Business Council of Australia

Consulate of Estonia

Consulate of the Republic of Latvia

Consulate of Luxembourg

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Cyprus High Commission

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DutchLink

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Embassy of Portugal

Embassy of the Slovak Republic

Finland Australia Chamber of Commerce

French-Australian Chamber of Commerce & Industry

French Trade Commission in Australia

German-Australian Chamber of Industry & Commerce

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Irish Australian Chamber of Commerce

Italian Chamber of Commerce & Industry in Australia

Italian Trade Commission

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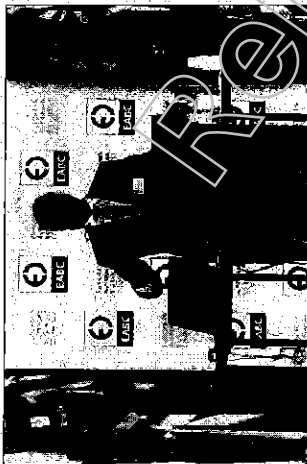
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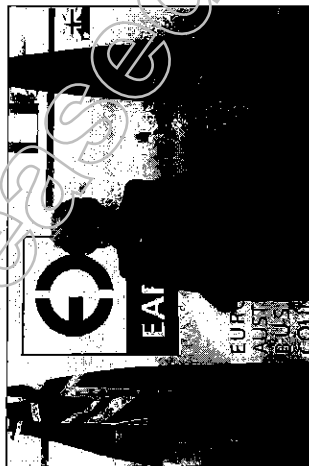
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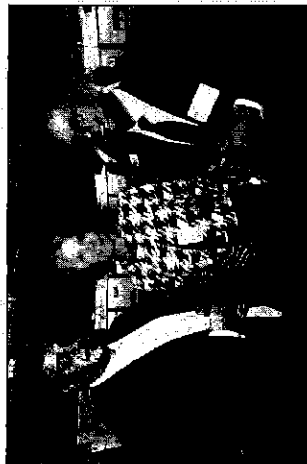
Photos & Participants



Left: EABC President Alastair Walton addresses audience members and guests



Right: Julie Bishop MP addresses EABC audience members and guests



Left: (L to R): Nicholas Di Girolamo, Carla Zampatti, Andrea Nicolaj



Right: (L to R): Taine Mourarige, Philip Corne, Joel Hakim



European Australian Business Council



2012 Annual General Meeting & Cocktail Reception

Tuesday 17th April 2012
Parliament House, Sydney



Event Summary

Event: EABC Annual General Meeting
Date: Tuesday, 17 April 2012
Time: 5.00-7.30 pm
Chairman: Alastair Walton, President, EABC
Venue: Theatre, Parliament House, Macquarie Street, Sydney
Speakers: Jason Collins, Chief Executive Officer, EABC
Alastair Walton, President, EABC
Ian Murray AM, Treasurer, EABC

Overview

The 2012 Annual General Meeting of the European Australian Business Council (EABC) was held on 17 May in the Theatre at Parliament House, Macquarie Street, Sydney.

Members of the EABC Board, Corporate Council, Corporate Members, Charter Members as well as partners from many official Australian and European government representatives and agencies participated in the proceedings.

At the conclusion of the formal meeting, a reception was held in the Jubilee Room with special guest, the Hon Julie Bishop MP, Deputy Leader of the Opposition and Shadow Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade.

Annual General Meeting

The AGM was opened by Chief Executive Officer Jason Collins who acknowledged the many dignitaries in attendance. Apologies were received and the Minutes of the 2011 Annual General Meeting were adopted.

Treasurer Ian Murray presented the financial report for the year and the audited accounts. A strong result was recorded with total revenues for the year of \$904,718 (2010: \$714,857), a small overall deficit of \$6,404 (2010: +\$14,923), and new income of \$70,000 (invoiced in the period but not included in the revenue figure).

The year ended with an accumulated surplus of \$120,220, and cash in the bank of \$72,010. The audit conducted by PKF was unqualified. The Treasurer thanked all members for their support and the Secretariat for the strong performance. The financial report was adopted.

Arthur Milner and Andres Raith from PKF and Philip Mitchell and Sike Koernicke from honorary legal advisors, TressCox were thanked by motion and given presentations. Motions were also passed re-appointing the firms in their respective capacities.

Chairman Alastair Walton recognised and thanked the members of the Board present at the AGM and moved that new members of the Board appointed under the casual vacancy provisions of the Constitution be approved. The appointments of Professor Stephanie Fahy (Monash University), Angus Armour (EFC), Peter Grey (Austrade), David Hornery (National Australia Bank), Bruce Morgan (PwC), Taine Moutarrige (Servcorp) and Olivia Wirth (Qantas) were confirmed by the meeting.

The Chairman then moved that constitutional amendments previously circulated be moved enabling any corporate partners designated as a Major Partner be entitled to automatically nominate a representative to the board. The resolution was passed.

Alastair Walton delivered the President's Report and Jason Collins the Chief Executive Report. The reports highlighted the continued growth in the Council's membership, activities and profile - and the significance of the visit by European Commission President Barroso last September. Europe remains a critical investor in the Australian economy and Australia is an increasingly important partner for Europe in Asia-Pacific and in the G20.

Andrea Nicolej from the Delegation of the European Union to Australia and New Zealand and Karen Lanyon from the Department of Foreign Affairs addressed the meeting and complimented the Council on its activities and support for the bilateral relationship.

Cocktail Reception

Following the AGM, a cocktail reception was held in the Jubilee Room of Parliament House with special guest the Hon Julie Bishop MP, Deputy Leader of the Opposition and Shadow Minister for Foreign Affairs and Shadow Minister for Trade.

EABC CEO Jason Collins acknowledged guests and dignitaries present at the reception before they were officially welcomed by EABC President Alastair Walton. Dignitaries and officials in attendance included Peter Doyle, Karen Lanyon, Danielle Morris (Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade), Ambassador Vicensje Bluk (Croatia), Ambassador Krassimir Stefanov (Bulgaria), High Commissioner Francis Tabone (Malta), and Andrea Nicolej, Delegation of the European Union to Australia & NZ.

The Parliamentary Host for the AGM and Reception was Stuart Ayres MP, Member for Parrish, who welcomed all members and guests and the Deputy Leader.

Council members who participated from the board included Alastair Walton (President), Stephen Loosley (Senior Vice-President), Angus Armour, David Epstein, Nicholas Di Girolamo, David Hornery, Paul Koenig, Max Moore-Wilton AC, Bruce Morgan, Taine Moutarrige, Ian Murray AM, Olivia Wirth and Carla Zampatti AC.

Members of the EABC Corporate Council present were the Hon John Aquilina, Joseph Cairazzi, Philip Marcus Clark AM, Philip Corne, Achim Drescher, Geoffrey Dunstan, Stephen Fitzgerald, Professor Don Kenyon AM, Russell Miller AM and Jillian Segal AM.

Representatives of EABC Corporate Partners present included Credit Suisse, DibbsBarker, Ericsson Australia, EFC, Kreab Gavin Anderson, Louis Vuitton Australia, Milner Ellison, National Australia Bank, PKF Chartered Accountants & Business Advisers, PwC, Qantas Airways Limited, Servcorp Limited, SES Group, Sydney Airport Corporation, Thales Australia, The Group of Eight, The University of Sydney, TressCox and Visa Australia.

Julie Bishop was introduced by Board Member and Chairman of the Sydney Airport Corporation Max Moore-Wilton AC.

Julie Bishop addressed members on the financial crisis and the crisis in the euro area exacerbated by fundamental political and economic challenges. These challenges form part of a wider set of global challenges as China and India rapidly develop, economically and whose influence in regional and global affairs expands at all levels. China has become an important investor in economies close to Australia.

Australian policy-makers need to address the key question of investment in Australia, particularly sensitive areas of agricultural and natural resources, which also have implications for Europe as a long-term investor in Australia. Ms Bishop and National Leader Warren Truss will soon launch a discussion paper into FDI rules. Europe is a welcome investment partner whose companies have made an enormous contribution to Australia's economic development.

A vote of thanks was proposed by EABC Board Member and PwC Chairman Bruce Morgan.

