

# MEDIA RELEASE



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## **A United Voice for Aluminium – From Mine to Market**

### ***Australian Aluminium Extrusion Association integrates with the Australian Aluminium Council***

In a significant move for the Australian aluminium industry, the Australian Aluminium Council will integrate the Australian Aluminium Extrusion Association (AAEA) into its membership and organisational structure. This integration marks a strategic consolidation, providing a unified, independent advocacy voice for the entire aluminium sector in Australia.

The Australian Aluminium Council's CEO, Marghanita Johnson, announced the integration today, saying, "The Council represents the industry from mine to market – and now with an even stronger focus on the downstream aluminium manufacturing sector in Australia. With a cohesive representation, the Council will continue its direct engagement with the Australian Government and platforms like the International Trade Remedies Forum to advocate in the face of uneven global competition."

The integration will also advance the Council's core mission of promoting a deeper understanding of the Australian aluminium industry, domestically and internationally. By uniting these organisations, the Council aims to further encourage the growth and sustainability of the sector in Australia.

Aluminium is one of the most widely used commodities in the global transition to a clean energy future. As a major producer of bauxite, alumina, and aluminium, Australia is ideally placed to help meet demand for this critical "Green Metal". However, the Government must ensure that Australia's downstream manufacturers can compete through free and fair trade. With the right policy settings, Australia's manufacturing industries can attract more trade and investment, supporting the growth of the Australian aluminium sector to meet increasing global demand.

Ms Johnson said, "We look forward to marking the strategic integration with the industry at the next Australian Aluminium Extrusion Conference in July 2025. This will provide an opportunity to foster further collaboration and innovation within the industry."

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#### **ABOUT THE COUNCIL**

The Australian Aluminium Council (the Council) represents Australia's bauxite mining, alumina refining, aluminium smelting and downstream processing industries. The aluminium industry has been operating in Australia since 1955, and over the decades has been a significant contributor to the nation's economy. It includes six mines which collectively produce over 100 Mt per annum making Australia the world's largest producer of bauxite. Australia is the world's largest exporter of alumina with five alumina refineries producing around 20 Mt per annum of alumina. Australia is the seventh largest producer of aluminium, with four aluminium smelters and additional downstream processing industries including more than 20 extrusion presses. Aluminium is Australia's highest earning manufacturing export. The industry directly employs more than 20,000 people and also indirectly supports a further 55,000 families predominantly in regional Australia.

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