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Australian Aluminium Council expands downstream membership amid renewed government focus on fair trade for local manufacturers

Bauxite, alumina and aluminium - both wrought and unwrought - are globally traded with strong interdependencies across these supply chains. In light of recent global trade developments, a key concern for the Australian Aluminium Council is the distortion of international trade flows, which disrupt efficient market operations and increase the risk of trade diversion.

The Council welcomes the Australian Government's clear [Statement of Expectations](#) for the Anti-Dumping Commission, which plays a critical role in protecting Australian manufacturers from unfair trade practices. In a significant move, this is the first time a Government has so clearly articulated its expectations of the Commission, recognising the increased risks faced by Australian manufacturing at this time. This is timely considering that Australian aluminium industry currently has a number of cases before the Commission.

In addition, the Council has welcomed five new downstream members so far in 2025: Almax, Extrusions Australia, Inex, National Aluminium and Alxin. The Council's expanding downstream membership reinforces its commitment to representing the entire aluminium supply chain, from bauxite mining and alumina refining to aluminium smelting, extrusion, and distribution. The Council now represents more than 95% of Australia's extrusion industry.

Welcoming the new members, Australian Aluminium Council CEO Marghanita Johnson stated, "There has never been a more important time for cohesive industry representation to ensure direct engagement with the Australian Government on trade matters and to advocate in the face of uneven global competition.

By 2050, global demand for aluminium is expected to nearly double, with its importance to energy security, national security, and economic security increasingly recognised worldwide. As a major producer of bauxite, alumina, and aluminium, Australia is well-positioned to meet this growing demand for this critical metal.

Ms Johnson said, "We will continue working with the Government to ensure 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 aluminium sector and meeting rising global demand."

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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 national economy. It includes six mines which collectively produce over 100 Mt per annum making Australia one of the world's largest producers of bauxite. Australia is the world's largest exporter of alumina with five alumina refineries producing around 18 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. It also indirectly supports a further 55,000 families predominantly in regional Australia at pay rates 60% above the national manufacturing average. The industry contributes more than A\$18 billion to Australia's economy with annual export revenue in excess of A\$15 billion.

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