

NATIONAL MANUFACTURING SUMMIT 2018

SOLUTIONS TO CRITICAL ISSUES: ENERGY AND TECHNICAL TRAINING



Solutions to Critical Issues

Hosted by Weld Australia, the 2018 National Manufacturing Summit will be held at Parliament House in Canberra on Tuesday 26 June 2018. With the theme of *Solutions to Critical Issues – Energy and Technical Training*, the Summit will be attended by representatives from all the major stakeholders in Australia's manufacturing sector – business, unions, universities, the financial sector, suppliers, and government.

2018 Key Themes

Australia's manufacturing industry has survived a difficult period, in the face of both domestic and global challenges. However, several indicators now suggest that opportunities in manufacturing have improved significantly. Employment has increased over the last few years, exports and profits have expanded, and business confidence is positive. Yet, there are two major constraints holding back Australia's manufacturing industry: energy insecurity and fragmented skills and training.

Given the increasing cost and unreliability of Australia's energy supply, the Summit will highlight the importance of practical, innovative, sustainable and environmentally ethical solutions that will help ensure much needed certainty and security of energy supply to Australian manufacturing businesses.

The Summit will also focus on the importance of technical training to the future of Australian manufacturing, particularly the tangible steps that need to be taken now to ensure that Australia has the workforce capability to deliver major projects.

2018 Program Highlights

With an exciting line-up of industry experts, just some of the speakers already confirmed include:

- Neil Coulson (Victorian Skills Commissioner)
- The Hon Karen Andrews MP (Assistant Minister for Vocational Education and Skills)
- Pr Ross Garnaut (President, SIMEC ZEN Energy)
- Geoff Crittenden (CEO, Weld Australia)
- Tony Dixon (CEO, Australian Steel Institute)
- The Hon Doug Cameron (Shadow Minister for Skills, TAFE and Apprenticeships)
- Dr Jens Goennemann (Managing Director, Advanced Manufacturing Growth Centre)
- John Pearce AO (Chairman, Australian Energy Market Commission)
- Jim Stanford (Director, Centre for Future Work)
- Tanya Barden (CEO, Australian Food and Grocery Council)
- The Hon Mark Butler (Shadow Minister for Climate Change and Energy)
- Tony Wood AM (Energy Program Director, Grattan Institute)
- Gordon Wymer (Chief Commercial Officer, Snowy Hydro)
- Lauren Tiltman (National Executive Director, National Apprentice Employment Network)
- Craig Robertson (CEO, TAFE Directors Australia)
- Jack Cullen (CEO and Co-Founder, JAR Aerospace)
- Jon Black (Managing Director, TAFE NSW)
- Jacque Courtney-Pitman (Chief Human Resources Officer, Quickstep)

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