



## **TRADE PRACTICES COMPLIANCE POLICY**

The Australian Constructors Association (“ACA”) is committed to ensuring that both the ACA itself and its members comply with all aspects of the Trade Practices Act 1974 (Cth), the State Fair Trading Acts and related legislation.

One of the key objectives of the ACA is to promote free, fair and healthy competition between members and throughout the Australian construction Industry.

The ACA recognises the particular challenges faced by trade associations with respect to trade practices compliance. The ACA is determined that its meetings and other procedures not give rise to any alleged prohibited contracts, arrangements or understandings between its members or any other conduct prohibited by trade practices law.

The ACA is determined to maintain its reputation as a responsible and reliable organisation so:

- (a) external bodies, including Government and the public, can have confidence in the ACA and its members; and
- (b) ACA members have “a safe place” to discuss legitimate ACA business without fear or becoming embroiled in alleged contraventions of trade practices law.

The ACA has:

- undertaken trade practices compliance training;
- obtained a trade practices compliance manual appropriate for the specific compliance issues faced by the ACA;
- appointed a trade practices compliance officer;
- adopted protocols regarding certain activities of the ACA; and
- retained a probity officer to attend certain ACA meetings.

The ACA has also developed specific compliance strategies with respect to the following key compliance areas for trade associations:

- 1 Membership;
- 2 Meetings;
- 3 Information gathering, information sharing and joint research;
- 4 Tenders;

- 5 Government lobbying;
- 6 Standards and certification;
- 7 Standard form contracts;
- 8 Ethical codes and industry guidelines;
- 9 Joint marketing, buying or selling; and
- 10 Price recommendations.

The ACA is committed to providing complete and accurate information both internally and externally and not engaging in any misleading or deceptive conduct.

The ACA is committed to maintaining and continuously improving its trade practices compliance program through regular external reviews.

Any ACA member seeking further information about this trade practices compliance policy should contact the Compliance Officer.

Adopted by the Board of the ACA on 23 August 2006.



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