

# INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION APPLAUDS LEGISLATION OF INDUSTRY ADVOCATE

Industry association Consult Australia has today congratulated the South Australian Government on moving to introduce the Industry Advocate Bill as a much needed step to increasing collaboration with industry.

SA State Manager, Jan Irvine said “Consult Australia welcomes the move by government to commit to law the role of the Industry Advocate.”

“The independence of the Office of the Industry Advocate provides an avenue for local businesses to have a voice and offer innovative policy solutions.”

“This commitment by the South Australian Government will foster collaboration and create an opportunity for Industry to provide first hand expertise on opportunities to improve government procurement procedures” Ms Irvine said.

The Industry Advocate and Industry Participation Policy provide our members with the opportunity and confidence to continue to provide innovative solutions to Government.

“This move by the South Australian Government will assist firms to invest in growing their business, continue to invest in their people, provide opportunities for employment and continue to contribute and invest in the South Australian economy.”

“South Australia is home to some of the brightest and best engineers and designers in the world and this commitment provides the opportunity to utilise the great minds and build the infrastructure, that isn’t just world class, but has the ability to serve the population for decades to come”

## Ends

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## About Consult Australia

Consult Australia is the industry association that represents the business interests of consulting firms operating in the built and natural environment.

Our member firms include: AECOM, SMEC, GHD, Jacobs, Calibre Consulting, Arup, Golder Associates, Opus International Consultants, Aurecon, Rider Levett Bucknall, WSP | Parsons Brinckerhoff and Tonkin Consulting.

We represent an industry comprising some 48,000 firms across Australia, ranging from sole practitioners through to some of Australia’s top 500 firms. Collectively, our industry is estimated to employ over 240,000 people, and generate combined revenue exceeding \$40 billion a year.