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The Secretary
Senate Economics Legislation Committee
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Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Inquiry into the Australian Jobs Bill 2013

I refer to the Senate's decision to refer the Australian Jobs Bill 2013 to the Senate Economics Committees for inquiry and report.

Industry Capability Network (ICN) and Industry Capability Network Ltd (ICNL) do not have any further recommendations to those submitted for the exposure draft.

In that submission we recommended:

1. The adoption of "lead indicators" on a projects AIP obligations;
2. The dollar trigger limit for the requirement for an AIP plan be set at \$200 million;
3. That projects always test the Australian market for capability and capacity;
4. That a structure be adopted which does provide for an independent and accountable board;
and
5. The services currently provided by ICNL to the ICN offices be provided at least to the same level by the Authority.

ICN has successfully undertaken industry participation support activities, on an independent, not-for-profit basis, since 1984. An adequately resourced and properly supported ICN, including the co-ordinating company ICNL, can continue to enhance the probability of success of Australian companies. Any new Authority should work hand in hand with ICN offices around Australia.

Should you have any questions or need any additional information please do not hesitate to contact our Executive Director, Derek Lark

Yours sincerely

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Chairman