



THE FIVE ASKS

1. Service Sector Plan (White Collar Jobs)

Developing a white collar services sector plan that focuses on areas including; future job needs, skills and training, domestic and regional growth opportunities, leveraging new technologies, infrastructure development to support industry development and investment potential.

2. Tax system

Building of tax incentives designed to retain jobs in Australia as these jobs will contribute to the ongoing development of Australian competencies and competitive advantage. These incentives must be aimed at creating a more favourable tax treatment for income earned in Australia compared to income earned from off-shoring work that was/could be undertaken in Australia.

3. Free Trade Agreements

Free Trade Agreements that amount to little more than political treaties that achieve diplomatic purposes but do not advance Australia's trade position should be immediately re-examined.

Future agreements must be negotiated on the basis of real benefit to Australia generally and specifically for those parts of the economy regarded as Australia's core competencies.

4. Right to Know – Consumer Consent & Privacy

Given that services often involve the passing of information and data on individuals, Australia should introduce 'country of origin' legislation for services to match similar requirements for manufactured goods. This will involve the development of a framework to:

- ensure that consumers, businesses and government have transparency as to where services are provided from.
- allow consumers to make decisions about where their data is stored.

Government will lead the way in ensuring the private, personal, financial and health records of its citizens that it maintains is kept secure onshore and protected in accordance with Australian laws.

5. Government Procurement Policy

As a major purchaser of goods and services, Government policy will ensure through its own procurement arrangements to only contract companies to provide goods and services to and for the government that:

- have transparent supply chains
- on-shore its labour needs and forego offshoring
- have a track record of ethical employment practices.



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