



## ACFA and Australian Made build a new relationship to support local cabinet and furniture manufacturing

The Australian Made Campaign (AMCL) has welcomed the Australian Cabinet and Furniture Association (ACFA) as a Campaign Associate, to support the continued growth of Australia's local furnishings and furniture manufacturing sector.

ACFA is one of Australia's primary industry associations for furnishing, cabinetmaking and joinery manufacturers. Run by industry, ACFA promotes the viewpoints and interests of the furniture and furnishing related industries and provides its members with training, workplace relations resources, and innovations to help businesses stay relevant in a competitive market.

Australian Made Chief Executive, Ben Lazzaro, said AMCL's partnership with ACFA supports the growth of the local furnishings and furniture manufacturing sector with more and more Australians preferencing Australian Made products.

"Australian furnishings and furniture manufacturers are known for their leading design skills, craftsmanship, and quality production. The demand for these authentic Aussie products is growing continuously. When you buy Australia Made products, you know what you are getting—products made to the highest of manufacturing and safety standards. At the same time, you are helping to support the local industry."

According to Roy Morgan research, the majority (60%) of Australians preferring to buy Australian-made furniture and home furnishings with 88% of Australians confident that products displaying the logo had been manufactured or grown within Australia.

"We are thrilled to be partnering with the Australian Cabinet and Furniture Association. In these times of global competition, it is essential that we foster a local manufacturing environment that encourages and assists manufacturers to innovate, build on their success and provides pathways to new markets, "said Mr Lazzaro.

ACFA Chief Executive Officer, Dean Brakell said its clear mandate as an industry organisation is to build and promote a stronger Australian cabinet and furniture industry.

"This exciting new partnership will deliver ACFA members opportunities to promote their products and grow their local and export markets. Our local manufacturers are world leaders, providing superior products and services to local and international customers," Mr Brakell said.

Australian Made looks forward to supporting ACFA and its members with improved access to Australia's most recognised, trusted and widely used country of origin symbol - the Australian Made logo. The third-party accreditation system ensures products that carry the logo are certified as 'authentically Australian'.

For more information on ACFA, please visit <u>www.acfa.net.au</u>. To find locally manufactured products, visit Australia's biggest online directory of genuine Aussie products at <u>www.australianmade.com.au</u>.



## **NOTE TO MEDIA**

Australian Made Campaign Chief Executive, Ben Lazzaro, is available for interview and vision opportunities. Please contact us if you would like to schedule a time.

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## ABOUT THE AUSTRALIAN MADE, AUSTRALIAN GROWN LOGO

The green-and-gold Australian Made, Australian Grown (AMAG) logo is the only registered country-of-origin certification trade mark for the full range of genuine Australian products and produce.

It has been helping Australian consumers, farmers, processors and manufacturers for more than thirty years.

The AMAG logo can only be used on products that are registered with the not-for-profit organisation Australian Made Campaign Limited. The strict set of rules governing the logo's use also require that it must always be used with one of five descriptors; 'Australian Made', 'Australian Grown', 'Product of Australia', 'Australian Seafood' or 'Australian' (for export use only). To use the logo goods must meet the criteria set out in Australian Consumer Law as well the more stringent Australian Made, Australian Grown Logo Code of Practice. More than 3000 businesses are registered to use the AMAG logo, which can be found on some 20,000 products sold here and around the world.

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