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NEW MEMBER AIDS BATTLE FOR A BETTER DEAL FOR AUSTRALIAN MID-TIER CONTRACTORS

Australian Owned Contractors (AOC) has welcomed its first South Australian headquartered civil construction firm to the national fight for a fairer deal for homegrown Mid-Tier contractors on major public infrastructure projects.

Well known and highly regarded construction firm, McMahon Services, is now part of the peak lobby group coordinating efforts to ensure governments nationwide don't ignore head contract leadership opportunities for Australian owned Mid-Tier companies.

CEO Brent Crockford said the involvement of McMahon Services sees the AOC now representing the interests of 15 of Australia's most experienced, locally owned Mid-Tier companies, comprising more than 13,000 employees and subcontractors.

"The AOC is working to force action and change to procurement processes for big taxpayer-funded projects across the country so that multi-billion-dollar tender packages are no longer bundled to favour big foreign owned Tier One construction firms," Mr Crockford said.

"The involvement of McMahon Services further expands the breadth and depth of the AOC and we welcome the company to the fight for local opportunity and competition, local skills development and domestic company growth."

McMahon Services, headquartered in Adelaide, was established in 1990 by brothers David and Andrew McMahon, with the company growing from a team of 12 into a national business with offices in South Australia, Queensland, Western Australia, New South Wales, Victoria and the Northern Territory.

The company employs nearly 700 direct staff and is a leading Australian privately-owned contracting business with a national footprint. It delivers infrastructure projects and services including civil works, demolition, decommissioning, hazardous materials handling and asbestos removal, and building and environmental remediation, working in city centres and remote locations.

McMahon Services prides itself on 'self-performing' with its people, plant and equipment and has a reputation for delivering high risk projects in challenging locations with the highest standards of safety and quality.

Mr Crockford said that as governments helped kick-start the COVID-19 economic recovery fast-tracking more infrastructure projects to market, it was essential that Australian owned businesses were given a fair go to participate for positions in head contracts.

“Australia’s once proud history of homegrown, nurtured and owned top tier construction firms is no more,” he said. “We need action to encourage more work and less barriers for our Mid-Tier contractors on major projects if we are to have any hope of growing domestic skills and allowing these Australian-owned businesses to grow and evolve into our new leading Tier One players.”

Australian Owned Contractors is made up of 15 local Mid-Tier construction companies across Australia:



Members of Australian Owned Contractors are:

- Majority Australian owned and controlled – at least 51% owned by Australian shareholders
- Have revenue in excess of \$250 million
- Companies that have participated in Federal and State Government funded infrastructure

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