

FTA India-Australia

-Comments and submission with a focus on Energy Utility sector

Dear Carol and Michael

We are pleased to write in favor of FTA's potential advantages that both the economies should enjoy out of this arrangement. The advantages could be enormous as a vast number of diversely skilled population of India can compliment the needs of the Australian goods and service industry in general. Elaborating on each sector will take a lot of time though, nevertheless, I would like to briefly focus on the advantages that the proposed FTA may bring to the Manufacturing, and the Construction Sectors of Australia, and to the Housing Sector of India.

We at Eco Pacific Pty. Ltd based in Melbourne is of the view that given the world wide increasing concern of global warming and climate change more and more people in India would like to switch to low cost comfortable housing. As the power consumption through the households is currently alarmingly high, still devoid of all season comfort, the demand for cost effective energy efficient houses will sharply increase followed by the demand for energy efficient eco-friendly appliances. Through the FTA Australian builders would be able to find immense opportunities to build low cost energy efficient comfortable pitched roof houses for a large number of new and existing house holds in India. Given more than 200 million households of India out of which, in the light of the global warming and climate change, almost 100 % will need to revisit their energy needs and options for comfort with the lately risen awareness to their surrounding environment, and this should open new vistas in India for business to Australian residential builders and energy efficient and environmentally friendly house hold appliances manufacturers. The energy appliances of common use are such as gas cook-tops, Natural Gas living space heaters, water heaters, dishwashers, laundry washers, central evaporative coolers, energy efficient reverse cycle heat pumps, and refrigerators. Notably, a large portion of the current power load can be displaced by the potential use of natural gas appliances which are far far more environmentally friendly than their electric city operated counter parts. Australian Industry is in a perfect position to offer gas technologies, and Natural Gas/CNG operated gas appliances to Indian house holds and Industry. Thus FTA can bring many wonderful business opportunities to Australian Industries to do business in India, and to absorb a large section of highly skilled Indian technicians, mechanics, engineers, managers, and other English speaking well work force. This should give a further boost to both the economies.

Being an energy efficient and eco friendly heating and cooling domestic appliance manufacturer we would like to be involved from very beginning should an Australian house builder intend to start building pitched roof housing in India to suit the installation of energy efficient and environmentally benign heating and cooling appliances.

The Energy Utility Sector is wide open in India for environment and life style improvement in which Australian industries is well equipped and can significantly contribute to benefit the increasingly comfort, cost, and environment conscious Indian society.

We can expand it further, and if needed, we can contribute in a discussion.

Thanks for the opportunity for comment and submission.

With best regards

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