



**AUSTRALIAN OWNED
CONTRACTORS**

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APPOINTMENT OF INAUGURAL CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Australian Owned Contractors (AOC) has appointed Mr Brent Crockford as its inaugural Chief Executive Officer, effective immediately.

The appointment of a full-time CEO signals the intention of AOC members to ramp up the advocacy efforts of the organisation and ensure governments across the country provide Australian owned companies with more opportunities to build major public infrastructure.

Assuming responsibility for the day-to-day management and strategic direction of the AOC, Brent will bring a wealth of related experience to the AOC's policy and advocacy efforts given his recent career in government relations and public affairs for more than a decade.

Brent was most recently Director, Public Affairs at GRACosway – Australia's leading public affairs, corporate and financial communications counsel – where he provided counsel to a variety of leading ASX 200 listed companies and those with particular interests in Federal or Victorian government issues.

His private sector advocacy accords with his strong interest in policy development, analysis and advocacy. He has core capabilities in public policy, political trends, business strategy development, media and investor relations and campaigning.

In addition, Brent has experience working as an adviser and political strategist on both State and Federal election campaigns.

"We have been very effective at highlighting to policy makers across the country that Australian mid-tier companies only get 3 per cent of the work on major public infrastructure projects," AOC director and Georgiou chairman John Georgiou said.

"We now want policy makers to think more strategically about how they procure major public infrastructure projects and come up with solutions which will allow the Australian mid-tier sector to grow and thrive.

"Brent will drive this advocacy and our members are looking forward to working with the Federal and State governments to support local industry sustainability in the Australia civil construction sector."

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ABOUT AUSTRALIAN OWNED CONTRACTORS

Australian Owned Contractors advocates for Australian owned mid-tier construction companies to have more opportunities to deliver major public infrastructure projects across the country.

Australian Owned Contractors is made up of 12 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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