

Media Statement

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Peak Security Industry Body gains approval as a Federally Registered Association of Employers

On 30 April 2010 Australia's peak security industry body, the Australian Security Industry Association Limited (ASIAL) gained approval as a Registered Association of Employers from Fair Work Australia.

ASIAL is the leading national body for the private security Industry.

Since its establishment in 1969, ASIAL has grown from a small network of security companies to one that today represents approximately 3,000 security providers across Australia. These organisations employ over 130,000 Australians and operate in all sectors of the private security market.

The security industry impacts on the majority of Australians every day. Whether it is at the football, at our airports, transiting money from banks, shops and ATMs, monitoring and securing our work buildings, or securing the information systems that run our major institutions; the security industry plays a critical role in the daily lives of Australians.

In welcoming the announcement, ASIAL CEO Bryan de Caires, says 'registration represents a significant milestone for the association, providing greater opportunities to improve the profile and level of professionalism within the private security Industry. It provides due recognition of the essential role the sector plays in Australian society.'

"As Australia's peak security industry body, ASIAL is dedicated to supporting its members, promoting standards and safeguarding public interests" said de Caires. "We are committed to further strengthening our industry through improved industry standards and compliance and this is an important step in that direction".

"Under the new national Fair Work Act, Federal industry organisation registration was seen as an important step to improving the standards right across the industry. We already work closely across all States and Territories, and with the Fair Work Ombudsman, and provide a wide range of services to our members. With registration, ASIAL will expand even further this level of support".

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About ASIAL

Since 1969, the largest industry body representing the security industry has been the Australian Security Industry Association – ASIAL. With a national membership representing approximately 85% of the security sector, ASIAL has played a key role in driving Australian standards, developing codes of conduct and raising the level of professionalism within the industry. Visit www.asial.com.au for further information.