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# How to do business in Australia

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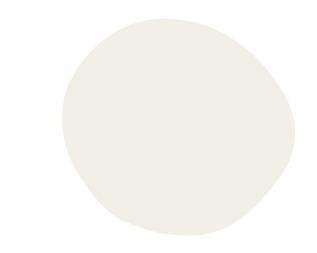
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### **Presentation outline**

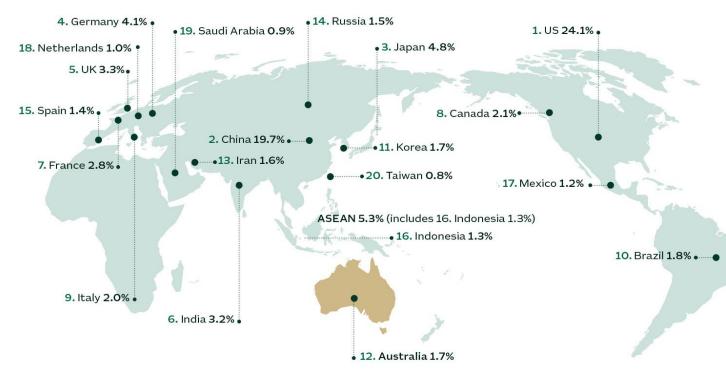
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# 1. Australia at a glance

# Getting to know Australia

Percentage share of total world nominal GDP in USD



- Globally ranked 12<sup>th</sup> largest in term of economic size
- More resilient in economic growth

#### 12<sup>th</sup> largest economy

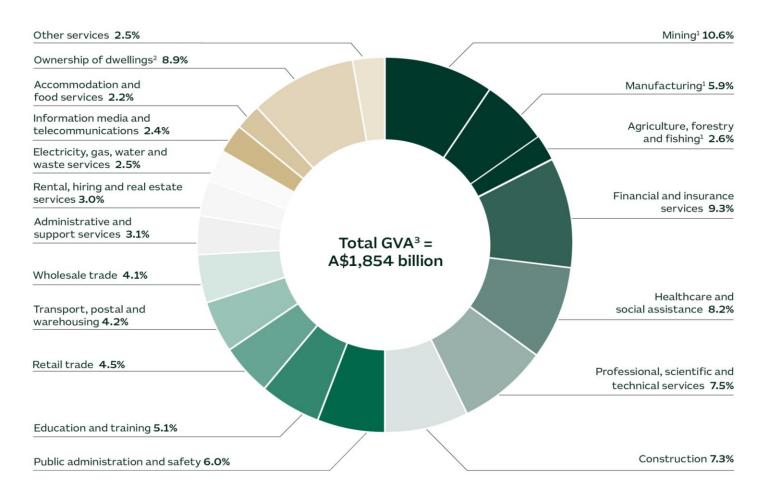
Region	2020	2021	<b>2022</b> p
World	-3.1 %	5.9 %	3.2 %
Australia	-2.4 %	3.5 %	3.8 %
Euro Area	-6.3 %	5.2 %	3.1 %
United States	-3.4 %	5.6 %	1.6 %
China	2.3 %	8.1 %	3.2 %
ASEAN-5	-3.4 %	3.1 %	5.3 %

p – projection (October 2022)

### Look closer and understand growth driver

#### Australia's real gross value added (GVA) by industry

As a percentage of total industry, 2020-21



#### Service-based economy

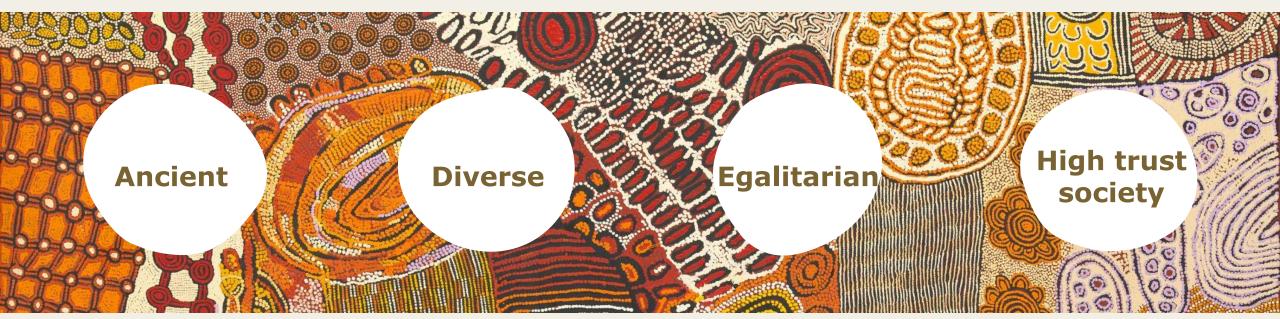
- Most of value added in Australian economy (81%) are from service industry.
- Despite having strong service sector, mining and manufacturing are also non-services sectors contributing significant values to Australian economy

# Our top trading partners (two-way)



# 2. Australian culture and society

### Australian culture and society

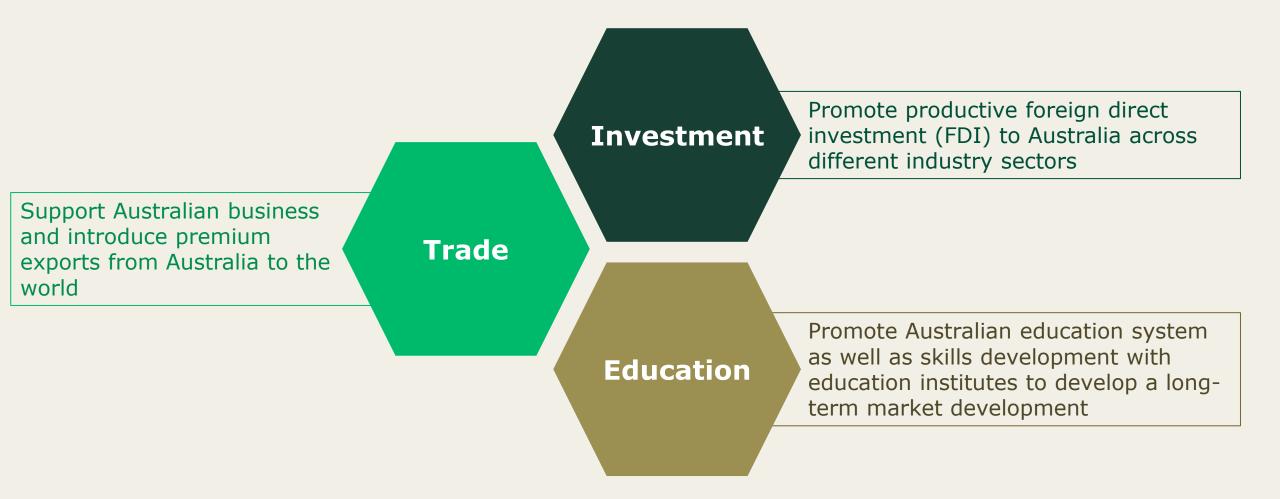


Home to an indigenous people for at least 60,000 years as of June 2020, 30% of Australians were born overseas

Australia's Gini coefficient of 0.33 ranked 11th highest out of 33 OECD countries 94.6% of people aged 16 and over are fully vaccinated against Covid.

#### 3. Austrade's support to your business

#### Three streams of our services



# We promote trade and investment with 'go-to-market' approach



#### 4. A quick guide to start a new business in Australia

### Key milestones in starting a new business

#### Market visit before finalising decision Learn more about business Experience the real thing before registrations you need making important decisions Business registration, tax, licenses and permits **Understanding the market** Seek professional advice or

Basically get to know demand and supply as well as other commercial considerations

## business partners

professional advisors or business partners can help you become successful and make you more confident

# Useful tools to help you succeed

- business.gov.au provides a <u>Help me decide tool</u> that could help you decide on
  - Business structure that will best suit your needs
  - Basic business and tax registrations you should consider applying for

#### **Business registration - help me decide**

Are you starting a business, or thinking about starting one?

This tool can help you work out:

- the **business structure** that will best suit your needs
- the **basic business and tax registrations** you should consider applying for.

While we make every effort to ensure that this tool is accurate and up to date, it can't possibly take all your circumstances into account — so please treat it as a guide only.

Before you make any decisions based on the information in this tool, consider seeking independent professional advice as we can't guarantee or accept legal liability as a result of using this tool.

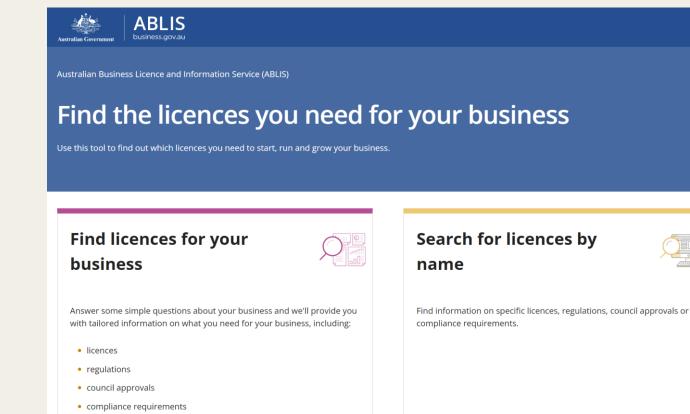
#### Ok, let's go

#### **Registration summary**

Step 6: 100% complete				
Based on your answers, you should consider applying for the registrations below.				
Registration	Cost to register			
Australian Business Number (ABN)	No cost	?		
Tax File Number (TFN)	No cost	?		
Company	\$538+	?		
Business name	\$39+	?		
Pay As You Go (PAYG) Withholding	No cost	?		
Fringe Benefits Tax (FBT)	No cost .	?		
Goods & Services Tax (GST)	No cost	?		

#### Useful tools to help you succeed

- Australian Business Licence and Information Service (ABLIS) offers a web-based tool that assist you in finding the licences you need for your business
  - Visit <u>http://ablis.business.gov.au</u>



#### **Potential Challenges**

#### **1. Legal Framework**

- In Australia, laws and regulations are available at both national, state and local council levels.
- Each level of government has its own responsibilities, which may overlap in some cases. And, it is important to comply with all levels.



#### 2. Working environment

There are a number of obligations that employers need to adhere to, for example,

- National Employment Standards
- Occupational health and safety
- Environmental issues and cultural concerns



#### **3. Dynamic labour market**

- Despite a highly skilled work force, Australia's labour market is tight and some sectors are facing shortages of key workers.
- The Australian Government is prioritising training programs and the attraction of skilled migrants to support the labour market.



# Q & A

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