

MEDIA RELEASE

Forwarders and Customs Brokers Organisations Unite



AFIF and CBFCA become IFCBAA from 1 July 2020

The Boards of the *Australian Federation of International Forwarders (AFIF)* and *Customs Brokers and Forwarders Council of Australia (CBFCA)* have reached agreement to form a single peak body and to change their current business names to *the International Forwarders and Customs Brokers Association of Australia (IFCBAA) Ltd*, effective 1 July 2020.

Having listened to members over recent years, the Boards of both *AFIF* and *CBFCA* have agreed that the industry requires a single peak body to represent the commonality of interest between international freight forwarding and customs clearance functions, in the provision of international trade logistics and supply chain management services.

IFCBAA Chair, Paul Golland said “The Boards and members endorse the new single peak body, *IFCBAA*, being better placed to respond to members’ issues and concerns, with far-reaching experience and a greater united front for our industry.”

IFCBAA will continue to operate as a not for profit organisation for the benefit of members, offering a wider range of services and products, with greater economies of scale.

IFCBAA represents over 400 corporate and 1500 individual members’ specific interests in the international freight forwarding and Customs clearance community.

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IFCBAA – The Single Voice for Customs Brokers and Forwarders

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BACKGROUND & HISTORY

CBFCA

In Sydney on 30 August 1904 fourteen businessmen came together to determine ways and means for businesses to be appropriately represented in terms of customs and transport issues. At that meeting they agreed: "*A meeting of licenced custom house agents be held for the purpose of forming a Licensed Customs House Agents Association.*"

The Customs Agents and Transport Association of New South Wales was born. The foresight of these strategic thinkers was honed over the next hundred years through the *Customs Agents Federation of Australia*, the *Customs Agents Institute of Australia*, the *Customs Brokers Council of Australia Inc.* and then into the *Customs Brokers & Forwarders Council of Australia Inc. (CBFCA)*.

AFIF

The *Australian Federation of International Forwarders (AFIF)* was created in July 1996 following the merger of two distinct organisations, namely: *The Australian Federation of Airfreight Forwarders - 'AFAFF'* - formed (as a Federal body) in 1977 and *The International Forwarders Association of Australia - 'IFAA'* - representing the Seafreight Forwarders (formed in 1976). The merger was deemed to be a natural progression which mirrored the business of its combined membership, most of whom were active in both air & sea transport. Existing and new members could elect to be represented in the Air and /or Sea division of the new entity.

IFCBAA

The Boards and membership of both CBFCA and AFIF agreed that the industry requires a single peak body to represent members interests and concerns and decided to merge CBFCA and AFIF. A single industry body, the *International Forwarders and Customs Brokers Association of Australia Limited (IFCBAA)* was formed, with operations commencing on 1 July 2020.

MISSION & OBJECTIVES

The *International Forwarders and Customs Brokers Association of Australia Ltd*, represents a professional membership of Business and individual members, as a single voice in the provision of international trade logistics and supply chain management services.

The primary objectives of IFCBAA are:

- to raise the profile of the international trade logistics and supply chain management service industry;
- establishing relationships and making representations to domestic and international government bodies, agencies, statutory authorities and relevant industry organisations to benefit Australian trade and the international freight forwarding and customs brokerage industry;
- promote the professional development of IFCBAA members through the provision of education and training courses



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