

---

**From:** Brent Crockford  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 21 May 2024 3:36 PM  
**To:** Committee Social Issues;  
**Subject:** CM: RE: Inquiry into procurement practices of government agencies in New South Wales and its impact on the social development of the people in New South Wales - Post hearing responses - 3 April 2024  
**Attachments:** 07 March 2024 The Australian Industry leaders slam NSW ICAC's 'puzzling, slanderous' anti-Australian jobs stance.pdf; Australian Transport Infrastructure Industry Insights report - Churchill.pdf  
**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Flagged  
**Categories:** Processed  
**Record Number:** D24/025160

Hello Daniel,

Please find attached a response and thanks for your patience.

In terms of further information for the Committee, I also attach Churchill's Australian Transport Infrastructure Industry Insights report which references benefits to head contractor diversity.

*Answer as follows in response to Ms Boyd's question:*

Australian Owned Contractors (AOC) does not agree with the assessment of the Independent Commission Against Corruption (Submission 18) and specifically within Page 12 in:

1. not support[ing] selection criteria or weightings that give preference to local content or local suppliers; and
2. Consequently, the [ICAC] Commission sees little benefit in policies that favour local content or suppliers.

AOC views barriers to overcome a better definition of local content within public policy as exactly that – barriers to be overcome through policy analysis, policy development and policy announcement and delivery. The variety of reasons the ICAC lists deserve rightful criticism from Members of the Committee. These criticisms were also highlighted by others in an article AOC CEO recalls reading within The Australian on 7 March 2024 titled "Industry Leaders slam NSW ICAC's 'puzzling, slanderous' anti-Australian jobs stance' by journalist and NSW Political Reporter Alexi Demetriani, available here:

<https://www.theaustralian.com.au/nation/industry-leaders-slam-nsw-icacs-puzzling-slanderous-antiaustralian-jobs-stance/news-story/2bc1cdf04f3d73a048647a10982ee71c>

Please let me know if you require further detail.

Brent Crockford  
**Chief Executive Officer**  
Australian Owned Contractors

w: [www.australianownedcontractors.com.au](http://www.australianownedcontractors.com.au)



**AUSTRALIAN OWNED  
CONTRACTORS**

---