



## The Hon Mark Vaile MP

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Deputy Leader of the National Party of Australia

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Dear Mr Connell

I have been advised by Austrade that your organisation recently received a grant under the Export Market Development Grants (EMDG) scheme.

Austrade determined the amount of your grant after assessment of your organisation's grant application in accordance with the provisions of the EMDG Act 1997. I understand that Austrade has already forwarded details of its grant amount calculations directly to you.

As the Minister responsible for the EMDG scheme, I would like to congratulate you on your success in receiving this grant.

The Government strongly supports the EMDG scheme and recently legislated to extend the scheme for a further five years, as well as to make a number of improvements to it. Details of these changes can be found on Austrade's website at [www.austrade.gov.au](http://www.austrade.gov.au).

I sincerely hope that the grant will assist you in furthering your export initiatives, and that it conveys to you in a tangible fashion the high regard in which both the Government and the Australian community hold our "export champions".

Yours sincerely

MARK VAILE