

MEDIA ANNOUNCEMENT
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JOE HOCKEY CONFIRMED FOR VODAFONE NATIONAL SMALL BUSINESS SUMMIT

Council of Small Business Australia (COSBOA) will welcome the **Hon Joe Hockey MP** to its Vodafone National Small Business Summit, taking place on Thursday 16 and Friday 17 July, at Doltone House Jones Bay Wharf, Sydney.

The Hon Joe Hockey MP will open the Summit breakfast on Friday 17 July and will talk about passion for small business. He adds: "This Government understands that small businesses are the engine room of the Australian economy.

"We are committed to ensuring Australia is the very best place to start and grow a small business.

"Our Jobs and Small Business package is part of that commitment. It will create the right conditions for Australian businesses to thrive and grow."

Peter Strong, CEO for COSBOA, commented: "This year's Summit is set to address key policies that affect small business. The attendance of Mr Hockey adds to our greater programme, which has a focus on competition policy review, workplace relations and small business influence on national security."

Highlights of the programme also include:

The passion of small business and affect on Australian economy, with:
NSW Government - The Hon. John Barilaro
Antony Sault – GM Sales Vodafone Australia
Chris Jordan, Commissioner, ATO

Small Business and the Workplace Relations system, with Iain Ross, President of the Fair Work Commission

Has Harper hindered or helped? An industry response to The Competition Review, with:
Matthew Lobb, General Manager of Public Policy at Vodafone
Jos de Bruin, CEO of Master Grocers Australia

Su McCluskey, Chief Executive
Officer of the Regional Australia Institute, part of the Competition Review Panel with
Professor Ian Harper
Danny Gilbert - from Gilbert + Tobin, an independent cooperate law firm
Chair: David Gandolfo

Registrations are open for the **Vodafone National Small Business Summit**. For more information please visit www.nationalsmallbusinesssummit.com.au

In 2015, small businesses will be invited to attend the inaugural **Summit Start Up** on Wednesday 15 July; a pre-Summit networking event where the community, culture, and diversity of small businesses will be celebrated. The **Summit Start Up** will be opened by Hon Bruce Billson, the Federal Small Business Minister.

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Notes to Editors

1. The Council of Small Business Australia (COSBOA) was founded in 1979 and was incorporated in 1985.
2. COSBOA is Australia's peak body exclusively representing the interests of small businesses.
3. The VODAFONE National Small Business Summit 2015 will be held at Doltone House Jones Bay Wharf, Sydney on 16 and 17 July.
4. The VODAFONE National Small Business provides the small business sector with the opportunity to discuss and identify relevant issues, promote innovation and generate ideas to stimulate growth within the industry.
5. For more information about the summit visit: www.nationalsmallbusinesssummit.com.au
6. For more information on COSBOA visit: <http://www.cosboa.org.au/>
7. Interviews with Peter Strong, CEO are available upon request.
8. Connect through social media channels:

Facebook: [/COSBOA](https://www.facebook.com/COSBOA)

Twitter: [@COSBOA](https://twitter.com/COSBOA)

Hashtag: [#NSBS15](https://twitter.com/hashtag/NSBS15)

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9. COSBOA is a long-time advocate of small business on issues from taxation and workplace relations, through to competition law and retail tenancy.
10. The goals of COSBOA are to promote and support the development of small businesses in Australia and the council recognises that it is a national imperative for Australia that the needs of small business are on the national policy agenda.