

28 January 2022

The Treasury  
Langton Crescent  
PARKES ACT 2600  
AUSTRALIA

Dear Sir/Madam

### **Pre-budget submission 2022-23**

On behalf of the Air Conditioning & Mechanical Contractors Association of Australia (AMCA), thank you for the opportunity to provide a pre-budget submission.

AMCA Australia is the national peak trade association for member companies operating in the commercial and industrial heating, ventilation, and air conditioning industry.

Our members are highly skilled operators with expertise in the design, fabrication, and installation of air conditioning and specialised ventilation systems and the ongoing service and maintenance of plant, equipment, and building services infrastructure.

AMCA Australia takes this opportunity to express its support for the government's stated intention for the coming budget to create jobs, guarantee essential services, and build a more secure and resilient Australia.

We highlight the following five priority areas identified by our members leading into the 2022 calendar year:

1. **Skills shortages:** Like the broader construction and building services sector, 92% of members cite skill shortages as of critical (32%) or high importance.
2. **Supply chain issues:** Availability of supply is compounding already challenging operating conditions, with 88 percent of members rating the issue of high (36%) or critical (52%) importance.
3. **Business conditions and the cost of doing business:** Further emphasising the challenging operating conditions noted above, 88% of members report business conditions and costs as either high (52%) or critical (36%) importance.
4. **Safety including mental health:** The personal cost of stress associated with managing COVID-19 continues to be acute with 88 percent of respondents rating the issue of high (72%) or critical (16%) importance.
5. **Ongoing management of COVID-19:** Unsurprisingly, the ongoing management of COVID was cited by 76 percent of respondents as being of high (48%) or critical (28%) importance.

We strongly encourage the federal government to consider these issues when developing the 2022-23 budget and would welcome the opportunity to discuss them further.

Thank you once again for the opportunity to provide a submission.

Sincerely,

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Scott Williams  
Chief Executive Officer