

WTIA PUBLIC STATEMENT REGARDING AUSTRALIAN WELDING INSTITUTE LTD

In 2010, a new company called "Australian Welding Institute Ltd" was established by a number of former WTIA Directors. This new company is not related to WTIA or the original "Australian Welding Institute"; it is an unrelated company using the same name.

As these former Directors would have known, the Welding Technology Institute of Australia (WTIA) was formed in 1989, as an amalgamation of the Australian Welding Institute (AWI) and the Australian Welding Research Association (AWRA). WTIA is proud of its heritage and to be continuing the work of the Australian Welding Institute and the Australian Welding Research Association.

WTIA considers the Australian Welding Institute name to be an integral part of its heritage, and strongly condemns its appropriation by the new company as likely to lead to confusion and to people being misled.

WTIA has obtained legal advice, and as a first step has now formally opposed with IP Australia the Australian Welding Institute Ltd's trade mark application for the Australia Welding Institute name. Consideration is also being given to further legal action, on advice from WTIA's lawyers.

WTIA is the only body entitled to perform personal qualification and certification from the Australian Welding Institute and the Welding Technology Institute of Australia. It is also the only body in Australia authorised to issue personal qualification and certification from the International Institute of Welding (IIW), and company certification to ISO 3834 through the International Institute of Welding Manufacturer Certification Scheme According to ISO 3834. It is not to be confused with the "Australian Welding Institute Ltd", which has no such entitlement or authorisations.

Arun Syam
WTIA President (2010-2013)
2 February 2011

WTIA – Celebrating 22 years of service to Australian industry in 2011

*"WTIA National Skills Campaign"
Targeting Skills Needs in all Regions to Keep Jobs in Australia*



The WTIA has joined forces with industry and Governments and created a multi million dollar Technology Support Centres Network. This Network assists industry to identify and exploit world's best technology and manufacturing methods to establish a vibrant Australian industry beyond 2020. Together we are implementing a step-by-step process that will lead to ongoing viability and greater profitability for all concerned:

- (1) Determine your technological and manufacturing needs;
- (2) Identify world's best practice;
- (3) Draw upon the Network to implement world's best practice at your site.



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