

## AUSTRADE ROUNDTABLE MEETING

24 July 2007, 1pm – 2pm

To be held at:

**Austrade  
Level 16, 307 Queen St  
Brisbane**

### **Access to the market in Vietnam**

*Presented by*

**Mr Bill Tweddell**

Australian Ambassador to Vietnam

**Mr Patrick Stringer**

Senior Trade Commissioner to Vietnam

Vietnam's accession to the WTO this year has meant greater opportunities for the country's exports and improved access for other WTO members to the Vietnamese market. Vietnam's economic growth rate has averaged 7.5 per cent annually - second only to China in the Asia Pacific region. Having followed more market-focused economic policies over the past two decades, the country is in transition to a hybrid form of capitalism, and has begun surpassing many of its neighbours in terms of economic growth.

Australia has a long standing and broadly based trade relationship with Vietnam and according to Australia's Senior Trade Commissioner, Patrick Stringer, Australia's corporate presence is made up of "many of Australia's household names, such as ANZ Bank, Gloria Jeans Coffee, Bluescope Steel, QBE Insurance, Commonwealth Bank and Visy Packaging,". But there are also new opportunities emerging in consumer goods, professional services, construction and education.

**Members and their clients and contacts are welcome to attend.**

**Please RSVP to:**

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