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## Open Letter to the Council of Australian Governments

### COAG ACTION CAN DELIVER 2020 VISION

Tomorrow's Council of Australian Governments meeting represents a critical opportunity to progress a reform agenda that will bring Australia into the 21st century.

A seamless national economy will improve efficiency, lower costs and lift productivity. It will facilitate better investments in road, rail, water, and improved health and education outcomes that are badly needed if we are to reap the full benefits of strong global demand for Australia's resources.

These issues transcend federal-state boundaries and require a national response. Real progress is overdue, and the longer we delay, the greater the lost opportunities.

We congratulate our political leaders on the reinvigorated COAG agenda and the ambitious targets they have set themselves. As we approach this third COAG meeting, expectations are high that our leaders will deliver on their commitments.

What COAG achieves in this watershed year will set the framework for Australia's future prosperity. Failure to achieve the promised reforms will leave us locked in a state-based approach more suited to the 19th century. Delivery of the reforms will set us on the path to achieving the Australia 2020 Summit vision of making Australia the best place in which to live and do business.

As they meet tomorrow, the BCA urges all members of COAG to set aside parochial differences, grasp this opportunity and lead us forward towards the 2020 vision.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Greig Gailey'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

**Greig Gailey**  
President

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