

JAMES PEARSON | Chief Executive Officer

James Pearson leads Australia's largest and most representative business advocacy group. The Australian Chamber represents over 300,000 employers providing jobs to more than four million people across the nation.

He campaigns to make our country the best place in the world to do business - so that Australians have the jobs and opportunities to which they aspire.

Before joining the Australian Chamber, James held senior roles in the private and public sectors and supported his wife, Andrea, in their small family business.

He led the Shell Australia team creating shareholder value by building the brand; making a positive impact on communities in which the company works; and being the eyes, ears and voice of the business in relations with government.

As Chief Executive of the Chamber of Commerce & Industry in Western Australia he lobbied to make it easier to do business and led one of the State's largest training and apprenticeship organisations.

As a diplomat and trade negotiator, he represented Australia in Africa, the Pacific and China. He helped companies win markets and build projects at home and abroad.

James represented the petroleum industry in Western Australia and the Northern Territory; led programs to improve productivity and local content; and ran corporate affairs for a multinational energy company in the Asia-Pacific.

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James has an MBA from Victoria's Deakin University, a Science Honours degree from the University of Western Australia and is a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Management and the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

He is married with three adult children, is a keen sailor and supports the Fremantle Dockers Australian Football team.

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