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Biometrics Institute releases Post Budget Advice Paper. Leading edge industries must not be overlooked including biometrics.

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The Biometrics Institute released a Post Budget Advice Paper today to its members, key stakeholders and the Australian government. [The paper can be accessed](#) at the Biometrics Institute website.

The paper provides suggestions on how the federal budget is an opportunity to support leading edge industries like biometrics. The paper briefly outlines how more focused government strategies from all agencies can assist with this goal.

The submission does not seek reductions in taxes or revenue flows to a particular sector of the economy. Rather it seeks to draw Government attention to ways in which Government can use its existing structures, procedures and programs to achieve outcomes that will help Australia become more competitive and productive.

The submission is predicated on the concept that Governments have a capacity and a duty to work smarter and to be positive players in that process.

Tendering Processes should include SME's by building provisos into the tender documents so that retention of the original SMEs post tender is made a requirement and actually monitored by the relevant Agency.

Training and membership of associations is a vital way to expand the horizon, networks and knowledge of Agency staff. It is essential for morale, skilling, awareness raising and networking/feedback acquisition. In effect, it can significantly affect the quality of planning, policy making and delivery within a government agency.

It is therefore recommended that each Agency be required to justify on the public record all cost cutting which affects training and association membership.

Relationships With Not-for –Profit Partners and Stakeholders must be maintained. Government policy should always review the stakeholder relationships that exist in an agency given that it is already mandatory for Agencies to conduct both independent and in-house reviews of their Client Services Charter.

Reliance on the Capacity and Willingness of State Governments to Deliver National Programs is also addressed. The Biometrics Institute recommends that, in the interest of transparency and continual improvement, the Australian Government examine the roll out of key programs affecting the development of Australia's leading edge industries from a number of key criteria.

The biometrics industry will gather at its annual [Biometrics Institute Australia Conference & Exhibition](#) in Sydney from the 28-29 May 2009 to discuss the latest developments in biometrics. Go to the [website](#) to register for the event and access the full agenda.

The Biometrics Institute is the peak body representing over 100 organisations. It has been established to promote the responsible use of biometrics technologies.

It is independent and not-for-profit and has user and vendor members covering a significant span of Australian and New Zealand government agencies and users. These include entities such as Qantas and other key Australian and New Zealand vendors responsible for this cutting- edge technology.

Biometrics covers a variety of technologies in which unique identifiable attributes of people are used for identification and authentication. This includes voice, iris, face, hand and fingerprint recognition, which can be used to validate the identity of individuals seeking to gain access to computers, airlines, databases and other areas which may need to be restricted.

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