



Media statement

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CCI Chief Executive decides to move on

Statement by CCI President, John Atkins

James Pearson has decided to leave CCI after five and half years as Chief Executive. He will join Shell to head its Australian communications and government relations team, based in Perth.

“Since joining the CCI in March 2008 James has led the State’s peak business advocacy body through a period of economic and political challenge and change. He and his team provided leadership and support for the local business community as it grappled with the Global Financial Crisis and its aftermath, an interruption in gas supply, the advent of the resources super profits tax, rapid growth in demand for capital, labour and infrastructure and several state and federal elections,” Mr Atkins said.

“CCI’s influence at both State and National level on issues impacting business has continued to grow. James has strengthened CCI’s advocacy, particularly for small business and across an increasing number of industry sectors, through effective engagement with members, other employer bodies and government.” Mr Atkins said.

“He has built a leadership team with a powerful combination of private sector experience and understanding of policy and has refreshed the way that CCI goes about its work, both internally and externally. With more members than ever before and a range of services to support employers, James leaves CCI well positioned to realise its vision for WA as a world-leading place in which to live and do business.” Mr Atkins said.

“On behalf of the Board and members of CCI I thank James for his very significant contribution to CCI and wish him well in his new role, where I am confident he will continue to contribute to the development of industry in WA and beyond.” Mr Atkins concluded.

James will finish at CCI toward the end of November and start work at Shell soon after.

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