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On 1 January 2016, the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) came into effect. These 17 global goals lay out an ambitious path to end extreme poverty, fight inequality and injustice, and protect our planet over the next 15 years.

In agreeing the SDGs, world leaders recognised the important role business will play in achieving this ambitious agenda and have called on business to support the goals.

We are a diverse group of companies with footprints across Australia and the globe. We agree that business has a critical contribution to make towards achievement of the SDGs – both domestically and internationally – through responsible business operations, new business models, investment, innovation, technology and collaboration.

Our businesses are already contributing to the SDG agenda in many ways. The products, services and resources we provide drive economic growth through investment, employment and innovation. We are striving to reduce our environmental footprints, strengthen relationships with communities and create positive impact through our activities and supply chains. We recognise the power of gender equality, diversity and inclusiveness and are supporting reconciliation with Indigenous peoples. We are forging partnerships to strengthen our contributions and outcomes for both business and the community.

We can do more. The SDGs provide points of focus around which we can innovate and collaborate in the search for solutions to critical global and local sustainability challenges, while at the same time positioning competitively for the future. Through our participation in the UN Global Compact and the incorporation of the SDGs into our strategies, we will continue to invest in these priority areas and work together with Governments, civil society, academia, and other businesses to realise the opportunities the SDGs offer to all, and we call on other business leaders to join us.

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