

Media Release



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CHC Welcomes Australian-Japan Free Trade Agreement

The Complementary Healthcare Council of Australia (CHC) welcomes the historic Free Trade Agreement (FTA) between Australia and Japan and congratulates Prime Minister, the Hon Tony Abbott, and the Minister for Trade, the Hon. Andrew Robb, in the signing of the trade deal that will, “see a reduction or removal of tariffs and duties on 97% of Australian exports to Japan.”

Mr Carl Gibson, CEO of the CHC, said that as the FTA between Australia and Japan unfolds, no doubt Australian complementary medicines, with their reputation for quality, will benefit from the trade relationship and from the recognition of our world-leading industry in science, nutrition, product innovation and manufacturing.

“Complementary medicines produced in Australia are highly sought after because they are recognised as meeting the highest global standards of quality, safety and efficacy.”

Economic integration with Asia and openness to the region will be a future critical success factor for Australian businesses. The Government’s continuing efforts to advocate for free and open trade is strongly supported by the CHC; as is the focus on a greater mutual understanding of national arrangements and a better interface between regulatory frameworks and those of our neighbours.

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As the peak industry body in Australia for vitamins, minerals and supplements, the CHC represents an industry that is devoted to improving the health of the Australian community through the promotion of sustainable health and wellbeing.

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