



## Prestigious Awards Launched Today The 2017 Premier of Queensland's Export Awards

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The Export Council of Australia (ECA) and Trade & Investment Queensland, in conjunction with our award partners, are pleased to announce that applications are now open for the 2017 Premier of Queensland's Export Awards.

At a launch event held on Level 41 of the new government building, 1 William Street, more than 100 local exporters gathered to participate in a panel discussion about increasing market access for trade. Special guests included representatives from some of Queensland's leading export companies Smart Cap Technologies, Typefi Systems, and Rinstrum.

Key note speaker for the event, the Honourable Curtis Pitt MP, Treasurer and Minister for Trade acknowledging the tremendous effort made by local exporters.

CEO of the ECA Lisa McAuley says as one of Australia's leading export recognition programs we are delighted to again identify new and established innovative companies that are contributing to Queensland's economic future.

"The program is open to all companies engaged in international business activities, regardless of size or location, and is a fantastic opportunity for any business to raise their profile both in Australia and overseas."

"With 12 national award categories and three Queensland specific categories available we encourage all companies engaged in international business activities to stand up and be recognised."

"The Queensland Export Awards are about rewarding businesses that have shown a commitment and determination to grow their global business and who, against adversity, seek new innovative ways to compete on the international stage," Ms McAuley said.

This year the program will be launching its first-ever award recognising the Queensland Defence Industry asking for applicants that are meeting military requirements globally.

Applications for the Awards open on 17 May, 2017 and will close on 7 August, 2017. The finalists will be notified in September with winners announced at an awards presentation dinner on 19 October, 2017 at The Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre.

### **2017 National awards categories:**

- Agribusiness
- Creative Industries
- Education and Training
- Environmental Solutions
- Digital Technologies
- e-Commerce
- Manufacturing
- Health and Biotechnology
- Minerals and Energy
- Business Services
- Regional Exporter
- Small Business

### **2017 Qld specific awards categories:**

- Dermot McManus Awards for Innovation
- Tom Burns Award for Women in International Business
- Richard Joel Award for Emerging Exporter
- Defence Industry Award

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