

# ABAC 1999 – Background Papers

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## FOREWORD

*from Hon. Philip Burdon, Chair of ABAC 1999*

In 1999 the members of the APEC Business Advisory Council (ABAC) decided to produce their Report to the APEC Economic Leaders in two volumes. The first comprises a Letter to APEC Leaders and the second is a selection of background documents which provide greater detail on the work and recommendations of ABAC in 1999.

The documents enclosed in this second volume include reports from the four ABAC committee/task forces; letters written to the APEC Chair and Trade Ministers; and papers from external sources which have provided substantive input to ABAC's work in 1999. ABAC acknowledges the valuable contribution made by other organizations. Papers from the Pacific Economic Cooperation Council (PECC) study on "Impediments to Trade and Investment in the APEC Region" are not included in this volume, as the study will be published in full shortly. ABAC held useful discussions with PECC during its preparation.

**Hon. Philip Burdon**

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