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Australia's key Chambers of Commerce (AustChams) across China today announced the formation of AustCham Greater China (AGC), a new national peak body for AustChams and the 1,870 Australian companies they represent across Greater China.

The AGC creates a new focus for the advocacy efforts of independent Australian Chambers of Commerce in China's major financial and commercial centres of Shanghai, Beijing and Hong Kong and Macau.

The inaugural chair of the AGC is Joanne Wood, Founder and Managing Partner of Shanghai boutique investment bank, Capital Eight.

"The formation of the AGC will give Australian companies an unprecedented voice in national and international affairs. It will provide Australian companies a national platform to showcase their businesses, demonstrate Australian talent and represent Australian entrepreneurs and their innovative products and services across China."

Alan Morrell, Australia Senior Trade Commissioner for China stated "Austrade appreciates the initiative to establish a one China Chamber and welcomes the appointment of the inaugural Chair of the AGC."

Ms Wood said AustCham Greater China would provide unprecedented levels of networking, knowledge-sharing and promotion for Australian companies and individuals establishing themselves or growing within this important market.

"Through AustCham Greater China we will gain stronger engagement and more effective advocacy with the Australian and Chinese Governments and other stakeholders, and more collaboration between our industry working groups and events to improve networking opportunities and sharing of market intelligence," she said.

David Olsson, Partner in the Beijing Office of Mallesons Stephen Jaques and Chair of AustCham Beijing, welcomed Ms Wood's appointment to further the interests of Australian businesses across Greater China.

"On behalf of my fellow AustCham Chairs in Shanghai and Hong and Macau, I am extremely pleased that Joanne will be AustCham Greater China's Founding Chair. Joanne's long and successful business history in Greater China combined with her exceptional business leadership make her an ideal choice for this important role," he said.

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