

## Vish Viswanathan – Brief Profile

### **Professional Summary:**

Professional Experience to date: 45 years (28 years in Australia with NSW Government Department of Finance, Services and Innovation, Department of Planning and Environment) and

(17 years in India – TATA Group, Kerala State electronics Development Corporation -KELTRON)

Professional disciplines: Senior Roles in Whole of Government Procurement (ICT and non- ICT), Strategic Business Development, International Business, Sales, Marketing, Customer Service Management, Medical Electronics and Infrastructure projects

Professional Membership: Long-standing Member, Australia India Business Council, (Past management committee member, NSW)

### **Education and Training:**

Procurement Training: Level 3, Central Queensland University (CQU)

Network Design System: Digital Communications Associates, (DCA), USA

Education: Post Graduate Certificate- Technology  
Commercialisation– School of Electrical Engineering,  
University of Sydney

Bachelor of Engineering (Hons) Electronics, College of  
Engineering, ANNA University Chennai INDIA

Vish is passionate and committed to promote the Australia India Business and Trade and participated in many initiatives. As Country Manager of International Business Division of the Department of Public Works & Services, NSW Government Vish was involved in transfer of Water & Waste Water treatment technology to Government of Karnataka in Bangalore India.

Vish was instrumental in securing a position for AIBC as the only business council who are invited on an ongoing basis by the Secretary of NSW Premier's Department for initiatives such as India Advanced Leadership Program. AIBC Board Members and the AIBC NSW Management Committee have been invited regularly to meet with senior Government of India officials who visit Australia every year.

Vish is passionate about the "Make in India" visionary program launched by Narendra Modi, Prime Minister of India and will be actively involved in establishing a "Make in India" Focus Group in AIBC with the objectives of

1. Active Participation & contribution by AIBC members across various disciplines.
2. More industry/ corporate/ Government participation and support by relevant groups.
3. Measurable outcomes on identified "MAKE IN INDIA" projects.

A more detailed report on MAKE IN INDIA & AIBC Role is attached.

**Journalistic experience:**

Vish Viswanathan has journalistic experience over 12 years in Australia writing community columns and articles in popular Indian community journals in Sydney such as Indian Down Under, India Post and currently a senior writer and Editor for Indian Telegraph, Sydney.

**Community Engagement:**

Well known in the Australian Indian community in NSW, Vish Viswanathan is a Director of Syd West Multicultural Services, Blacktown Sydney an organisation established to support refugees and multicultural migrant communities. Vish has served in executive roles in many community organisations over 25 years such as President of United Indian Associations (UIA), President of Federation of Australian Indian Associations (FAIA), Founding Director of Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan etc. Vish won the “Multicultural Champion Award” – NSW Government Department of Planning & Environment in 2017.