

AMIC National Industry Councils – 2023

Each industry sector has a National Industry Council (NIC) established under the AMIC Constitution. They are responsible for considering and advising on technical matters affecting the members of their respective group. There are currently three NIC's:

- National Processor Council
- National Retail & General Industry Council
- National Smallgoods Council

The Board may establish, alter, or dissolve an NIC after consultation with that NIC should an industry sector's requirements change, provided that no existing NIC is modified or dissolved unless the corresponding State Councils are similarly modified or dissolved.

Responsibilities:

Each NIC considers industrial and industry matters pertaining to the industry group and makes policy on all matters. Under the Constitution, the NIC recommends policy to the Board on matters affecting the industry group.

Note:

- "Industrial" relate to general employment, IR, and HR matters, including the Meat Industry Award and Fair Work Commission.
- "Industry" matters relate to all other matters managed by AMIC on behalf of an industry group, including industry affairs, trade and technical, smallgoods and retail and general industry specific issues and stakeholder management.

Specific Powers:

Some specific powers of the NIC's (as per the AMIC Constitution) are to:

- Discuss and consider industrial and industry matters affecting or which may affect members of the industry group, including State and Federal industrial matters.
- Consult with other NIC's and/or State Councils (Retail/General Industry only) or with any other organisation in relation to industrial or industry matters affecting, or which may affect, members of the industry group.
- Make recommendation to the Board about matters which may affect members of the industry group concerned (these recommendations could have impact on other industry group members which needs to be considered by the board only)
- In case of the National Retail Council, consider and approve or disapprove resolutions or decisions of State Councils.
- Request the Board to take matters forward to any court, commissioner, committee, inquiry, board, or tribunal whatsoever on Industrial or Industry matters.
- To give assistance to any member covered by the NIC charged with the breach of any Federal law; to make and take any legal steps to enforce any claims relating to industrial matters upon any industrial organisation or trade union; and to enter Federal Industrial Agreements with any trade or industrial union.

Membership:

Each NIC consists of 12 councillors (*unless modified by the Board*) elected for four years in accordance with the size indicator determined from the Membership and Employee formula within

the Constitution, or by another method as approved by the board, as per the AMIC Constitution. For the National Retail and General Industry Council (NRC), Councillors are elected from the relevant State Councils with each having at least one representative.

Appointment of Office Bearers:

The office bearers of each NIC are elected by and from the Councillors of the NIC and include:

- The Chairman; and
- The Deputy Chairman.

Meetings:

- The NIC's generally meet face-to-face three to four times a year. The meetings may be held in Brisbane, Canberra, Melbourne, or Sydney.
- National Office staff provides secretarial support for all NIC meetings.
- NIC's may appoint sub-committees to deal with specific issues.