



## AGA Roundtable Series

### *“Challenges in a Foreign Country: Doing it Right in an Economic Downturn”*

**Tuesday 3 March 2009 at 8.00 am**

The **Australian German Association** is pleased to announce its second interactive roundtable session focusing on topics with relevant outcomes for German-Australian business professionals.

Following positive feedback from participants at our first roundtable, this second roundtable session will repeat the discussion format and focus on providing insights to relevant topics and mutual support to AGA members and guests.

The second roundtable will focus on expected challenges for managers in the current economic downturn in Australia. We are offering our members the opportunity to discuss these matters in a confidential environment. How to react and deal will feature in discussions, as well as the challenge for foreign managers in handling a local workforce (incl. layoffs).

This roundtable discussion will provide an excellent opportunity for mutual support, ideas as to methods and to tap into the experiences of our members who have experienced tough times before. It is also an opportunity to pass on these experiences to other members who might face such challenges for the first time. Please note the discussion is about experiences and ideas and not about legal issues. To ensure a lively discussion and valuable outcome, the session will be facilitated.

The AGA thanks Peter Hordern and Minter Ellison for agreeing to host this event at its CBD premises.

- Objectives:**
- Exchange of experiences during tough economic times as a foreign / local manager in Australia
  - Providing mutual support in critical situations (e.g. layoffs)
  - Developing ideas for “Doing it Right” when the going gets tough
- Preparation:** To ensure a focused discussion with tangible outcomes, we ask all participants to prepare for the roundtable by thinking through their:
- experience with difficult economic situations and what they have perceived as their biggest challenge; and
  - what they believe is the best approach to overcome the current challenges
- Participants might be asked during the discussion to briefly present any case studies
- Target Group:** AGA Members and friends
- Confidentiality:** All participants agree to keep content strictly confidential

**Date:** Tuesday, 3 March 2009  
**Time:** 8.00 am (ending at 10.00 am)  
**Venue:** Minter Ellison  
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**Places are strictly limited. Book NOW !**