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Australia-Israel free trade agreement a sensible next step

Shadow Minister for Trade and Tourism Kevin Hogan has said if elected to government, a free trade agreement with Israel would be something the Coalition would look to reinvigorate.

“It makes pragmatic sense to do an FTA with a trusted partner like Israel. It would also be an important show of support for Israel at a confronting time for a fellow democracy” Mr Hogan said.

“In 2021, the Coalition in Government commissioned a feasibility study into strengthening economic and investment ties between the two countries, including a potential free trade agreement.”

“Australia and Israel share a long history of strong diplomatic, cultural, and trade relations. A Trade Agreement would build on this foundation, promoting a deeper economic partnership while capitalising on Israel’s strengths in technology, innovation, and research and development. “

“Both countries are democracies, part of the World Trade Organisation (WTO) and have identified similar industry sectors as priorities for future growth.”

“FTAs play a vital role in expanding Australia’s interests in new and emerging markets, providing customs duty concessions for member states and, in more modern FTAs, agreement on digital frameworks for doing business.”

“Strong and diverse trade is essential for sustainable economic development, resilience, and long-term prosperity.”

“That is why the Coalition in Government between 2013 and 2022 lifted the share of trade covered by FTAs from 27 per cent in 2013 to 80 per cent (including India and UK FTAs).”

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