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# Andrew Bridger

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## Professional Overview

Senior Economist currently working at The Australian Industry Group – Australia’s largest industry organisation. I am passionate about applying economic principles to improve living standards and create better outcomes for all Australians.

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## Professional Experience

### Senior Economist

Dec 2017 – Current

#### The Australian Industry Group (Ai Group)

Responsible for analysis and commentary on Australian and international economic developments.

#### Key responsibilities:

- Providing economic advice and research
  - Presenting economic updates to Government agencies, journalists and business
  - Preparing Ai Group business surveys and research reports
  - Statistical analysis
  - Policy analysis
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### Graduate

Feb 2016 – Dec 2017

#### Department of Industry, Innovation and Science

Employed as part of the two-year graduate program. Graduate placements included:

- AusIndustry – Workforce Planning and Analytics (Melbourne)
- Finance – Budgets, Reporting and Financial Accounting (Canberra)
- Industry Growth – Growth Centres (Canberra)

#### Key responsibilities as a Data Analyst include:

- Modelling workforce requirements and making recommendations based on the modelling to the Executive
  - Budget analysis
  - Working on whole-of-division projects
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### Research Economist

Jan 2015 – Jul 2015

#### Synergies Economic Consulting

Brisbane, QLD

Hired as a summer intern and upon completion of my internship, I was asked to work throughout the following semester before travelling overseas.

#### Key responsibilities:

- Economic research on wheat supply chains, port facilities and the energy market
  - Policy updates
  - Report writing
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## Early Career Summary

<b>Ipsos Research</b> Computer Assisted Telephone Interviewer	2013 - 2015
<b>Strut N Fret Festival Bar Team</b> Bartender	2012 - 2014
<b>Direct 2 Consumer (D2C)</b> Brand Ambassador	2011 - 2012

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## Qualifications

<b>Bachelor of Commerce/Economics</b> University of Queensland	2011-2015 St Lucia, QLD
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Majored in Finance (Commerce) and Quantitative Methods (Economics)</li><li>• Grade Point Average of 5.6 (out of 7)</li><li>• Exchange semesters at the University of Massachusetts and Kansas State University</li><li>• 2012 Dean's Commendation for High Achievement</li></ul>	
<b>Graduate Certificate in Management (Public Sector)</b> University of Canberra	2017 Bruce, ACT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Grade Point Average of 6.0 (out of 7)</li></ul>	

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## Summary of Skills

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Data analysis</li><li>• Report writing</li><li>• Statistical software (R and EViews)</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Advanced excel skills</li><li>• Enthusiasm for responsibility</li><li>• Attention to detail</li></ul> |
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## Referees

Julie Toth  
The Australian Industry Group  
Chief Economist  
Contact details available on request

Lisa Hind  
Department of Industry, Innovation and Science  
General Manager - State and Territory Network within AusIndustry  
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Jeffrey Lassen  
Managing Director at FTI Consulting  
Former Principal at Synergies Economic Consulting  
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