

**This week is a good week for good news from Australia.**

**Headlines shout:** "Australia Avoids Recession". Australia has avoided a recession after a surprise burst in the nation's trade surplus saved the economy from negative growth - The Australian newspaper, 3 June 2009).

**The Australian** also declares that world financial markets are backing the claim that Australia will have the softest downturn in the industrial economies and will be the first to bounce back.

**The Real Estate Investar** proclaims that according to the Servcorp International Business Survey Australia stands out as "an island of calm amid the global economic storm".

The Servcorp survey reports that one in five international business people cited Australia as the country best surviving the downturn in a survey of 7,500 people in more than 24 nations, and places Australia first in the survey, ahead of China, with India and Singapore in equal third place. Servcorp Executive Director, Taine Moufarrige, said, "In my experience working with International businesses around the world, especially during the last 6 months, I have noticed relatively unaffected Australian businesses ... Over 71% of Australian business people believe we are the lucky country, and it's interesting to see that the rest of the world agrees."

**AML brings this good news from Australia** to our clients and prospective clients as an encouragement. It is timely to remind clients that their calculation of time ought always include the visa processing times which can be 12 months or more after the lodgement of a visa application, depending on various contingencies, such as the particular processing office, the varying levels of the staff processing the applications and the varying number of visas to be processed at any one time.

In particular, the suspension of the processing of the skilled visas and the business skills visas for 3 months until 1 July 2009 will cause delays in the decision-making. However, this suspension does not prevent the lodging of visa applications, and in fact, it is advisable to do so to take a valuable place in the processing line.

**The news, indeed, from Australia is good.**

**People who wish to migrate to Australia are encouraged to make early applications – the earlier the application, the earlier the decision.**

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