





A Roy Morgan Gallup Poll found that 90% of Australians would prefer to buy Australian Made if they could find it

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A new YouGov survey found that 88% of Australians believe we should make more essential products at home and rely less on Chinese imports

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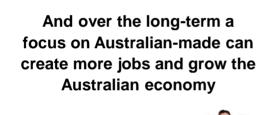
In last year's budget, the Federal government allocated \$1.5 billion to help grow Australian manufacturing

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This increased demand for Australian-made provides a huge opportunity for Australian businesses

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If each household in Australia spent an additional \$50 per week on locally made products it would inject \$30 billion a year into the economy

If every Australian made a one-off purchase of \$100 of locally produced goods it would support 3,000 jobs

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## Here's what you'll learn today

My four step system to sourcing Australian-made products:

- 1. Decide what to sell
- 2. Estimate what it should cost to make
- 3. Find the right manufacturer
- 4. Negotiate a win-win

We'll also show you lots of case studies that have applied this system

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# Who is this system relevant for: Online sellers – eBay, Amazon, Gumtree, Shopify, FB etc... Retailers Wholesalers, agents and distributors Sellers of info products wanting to diversify Sellers of info products wanting to add a "subscription box" of consumables to their offering Importers wanting to localize their supply chain to Australia

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## **Steve Eagle**

- Studied Sculpture and Moved into Product Development (prototyping & production)
   Spent 18yrs in Product Dev, Cost Estimating and Purchasing
- Sourced over 1.5 billion dollars' worth of products over more than 3,500 projects, all over the world in the last 23 years (everything from toilet seats to fighter jets)
   Worked for household brands like Ford, Toyota, Fisher & Pykel, ADF prototyping,
- selecting suppliers and sourcing globally while side husting my own businesses
- Life changing moment 2008 "Steve's Great Reset" radically changed how and wh I work, ultimately leading to early retirement in 2016 age 38yrs
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- Now I apply the strategies you'll learn today in my businesses and neip others to source Australian-made products that compete with cheap foreign imports

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7 Suppliers, 8 months old. Launched for \$180aud.
600 dresses sold in first month. Achieved profit in first 5 days generating
income equal to corporate job in 1st month but
operating from a bedroom. Now scaling wholesale
with no inventory and a small army of affiliates .

 Agenda for today

 Session 1 – Decide what to sell

 Session 2 – Estimate what it should cost to make

 Session 3 – Find the right manufacturer

 Session 4 – Negotiate a win-win











Let's dispel the myth that Australia can't compete with cheap foreign imports

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# **Reasons to source Australian-made**

- 1. You eliminate the cost and delay of international shipping, which averages about 35% of the cost of any imported products
- You're working in Australian dollars, so there's no exchange rate risk, and no hedging required. Most imports are priced in US dollars, and the exchange rate with AUD can be volatile
- Australian manufacturers often use automation instead of labour, so the impact of Australia's more expensive labour rates is not as high as you'd expect. Plus China's labour rates have doubled in the last 8 years, while Australia's have stagnated

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### **Reasons to source Australian-made**

- By working closely with your Australian manufacturer, you can often find ways to reduce costs without reducing quality – and negotiate without the language and cultural barriers
- 5. It's much quicker to go from concept to cash if you're sourcing locally, eg you can get samples shipped to you overnight
- 6. By sourcing directly from an Australian manufacturer you cut out any "middle-men" taking their cut

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## **Reasons to source Australian-made**

- 7. By working directly with an Australian manufacturer you may be able to organise a drop-shipping arrangement
- You can work with your Australian manufacturer to design a unique product, adding features that are superior to others on the market (including imports), so you can charge a premium
- People are prepared to pay a premium for a product that is Australian made, Australian owned, Australian built, Australian grown, or developed with Australian ideas. On average people will pay a 13-18% premium

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# 7 Criteria that make it easy to sell

- 1. Passionate following that's already buying (Merchant Words, Jungle Scout, Helium10 etc)
- 2. Large and growing market (see Google Trends)
- 3. Evergreen (not constantly changing, eg technology)
- 4. You're interested in it - "Results follow Focus"
- 5. Easy to find your target market 6. Not highly regulated
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- Able to compete / stand out with slight tweaks

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# 5 Criteria that make it competitive with imports 1. Not a commodity, so you can charge a premium for better quality 2. There is a demand for a higher quality product 3. Local Australian manufacturers are available 4. Manufacture uses automation rather than hand-crafting, so the labour component is smaller 5. Government grants and incentives may be available

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# Niches and products that fit the criteria

- Electronics and Computers
- Garden and Tools
- Beauty and Healthcare
- Groceries and FMCG
  Toys, Kids and Baby Clothing
- Shoes and Bags
- Handmade Jewellery
- Sports and Outdoors
- Eco-Sustainable, biodegradable and organic products

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## Niches and products to avoid

- Safety devices
- · Products requiring training to use
- Products with "specific claims" on the labelling
- Products that you don't understand yet (estimate/benchmark)

Note:

 Brand Sensitive Niches can be challenged with innovation or pricing but requires significant marketing "know how"

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But first, let's define "Australian-made" How to Source Australian-Made Products



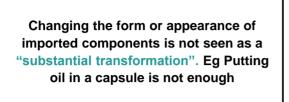
If something is grown or produced in Australia, then it's obviously Australian made

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The ACCC states that things need to be "substantially transformed" in Australia, which means they are "fundamentally different in identity, nature or essential character from all of their imported ingredients or components"



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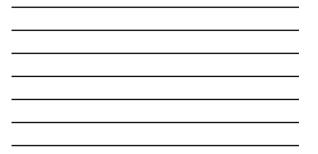






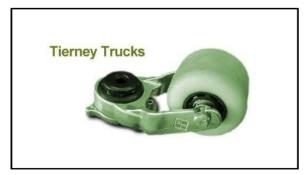




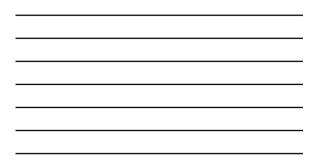






















Results	
Cost per board:	
<ul> <li>Wheels (imported from Tierney Rides)</li> </ul>	\$9.33
<ul> <li>Board (sourced locally)</li> </ul>	\$68.00
Kit cost	\$77.33
Wholesale price	\$150.00
<ul> <li>Profit per board</li> </ul>	\$72.67
Retail	\$240.00
No Amazon, No Shopify, No Facebook, No S Phone, No Laptop & With a Day Job	Smart
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# Reminder: 4-step system

- My four step system to sourcing Australian-made products:
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## What is a Cost Estimate?

- A way to understand the cost of a product, including materials, labour, processes and market factors for your location
- A living document that improves over the lifetime of your product
- A powerful analysis and negotiation tool that delivers healthy profit to all while still being massively competitive

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# Step 1 – understand the materials

- What materials are there?
- How much do they weigh?
- Is there any critical feature based in the materials used?
- Are there any purchased parts?
- Make a list. This is your Bill of Materials or BoM

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# Step 2 – identify processes and labour

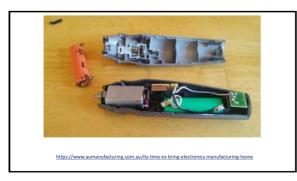
- Is it mass produced or crafted?
- What are the main features? (bends, surfaces, holes, fitments)
- How much manual labour is needed vs automation? (assembly, manual processes)

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Product and Supplier Assumptions	Product: Supplier Estimate Currency Supplier Location Link To Similar Product	AUD Aus	https://www.autwov/acturing.com.au/8s AuD					
		Items	Direct/Indirect Material cost	Machine/Labour Rate per hr	Cycle Time (Seconds)	Cest Estimate		
	Material Spec	PCV Granules	1002/tor		N4	NA		
Raw Materials and Purchased Parts	Weight	130g	7992pcs	NA	NA.	\$ 0.17		
	Purchased Parts	<b>Uthium Ion Battery</b>	5 3.19	NA	NA.	5 3.15		
		Motor	\$ 2.50	NA	NA.	\$ 2.50		
		Blacken	\$ 1.82	NA	NA	\$ 1.83		
		PCB 1	\$ 0.80	NA	NA.	\$ 0.80		
		PCB 2	\$ 0.30	NA	NA	5 0.30		
		Hardware	\$ 0.10	NA	NA	5 0.10		
	Manufacturing Process	Mold Case		\$ 22.00	11	\$ 0.20		
		Assemble Battery	\$ 3.19			\$ 3.23		
		Asseble motor	\$ 2.50	\$ 19.49	9			
Manufacturing process, labor & materials		Assemble PCB1 Assemble PCB2	\$ 0.80	\$ 22.00	12			
manufacturing process, labor & materials	consumption	Assemble PCB2 Assemble Switches	\$ 0.30 \$ 0.10	\$ 22.00 \$ 22.00	28	\$ 0.36		
		Assemble Suitches	5 1.82			5 1.86		
		Accemble Cace	5 0.10		10			
		Charge Test	\$ 0.01		18			
	Packaging	Printed Cardboard	\$ 0.12	\$ 19.49	12			
		Plastic Beg	\$ 0.02	\$ 19.49	3			
Packaging		Barcoda/Tabals	\$ 0.05	\$ 19.49	1.5			
	Manufactured Cost		\$ 9.14		128.5	\$ 9.88	Per Piece	





## "Sell it before you source it" strategy

- Find a large retailer or franchise that currently sells existing leading brands of beard trimmer
- Offer that they can sell a similar product, but with their own branding, at a more competitive price with very little effort
- Get an initial order from the retailer, including a 50% deposit
- Place your order with the manufacturer using the deposit to secure your stock

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#### **Results** Cost of beard trimmer (manufactured locally) \$19.76 \$30.03 Wholesale Profit per unit \$10.27 Retail \$57.99 Retailer's profit \$27.96 If you sell 1,000 per month, that's \$10,270/month profit for you and \$27,960 for your retail partners which means they will sell your product for you all day long! How to Source Australian-Made Products 89



Results	
<ul> <li>Cost of beard trimmer (manufactured locally)</li> </ul>	\$19.76
<ul> <li>Advertising or Platform Commission (15%)</li> </ul>	\$7.50
Retail Price	<u>\$49.99</u>
Take Home Profit	\$22.73
If you sell 1,000 per month, that's \$22,730/month profi your family!!	it for you and
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 A client in Australia was sourcing eco-friendly bamboo toilet paper from China to sell to McDonalds and the Australian Government

**Eco-friendly toilet paper** 

- Using my sourcing system he pivoted to Australian-made...and found a supplier in Qld who price-matched his Chinese supplier
- We also helped him qualify for the Indigenous Business Australia Program, to get massive government support

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# Eco-friendly toilet paper

- He's now gearing up to supply the Australian government and McDonalds with Australian-made, eco-friendly toilet paper from an Australian supplier at prices usually only seen in Asia!
- His long term goal is to export Aussie-made, eco-friendly loo paper, at China-competitive prices. The icing on the cake is that he will also qualify for Australian export grants
- He already has his first order for 14,000 maxi rolls from a NSW local council

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## **Steve Baker**

- Business Coach based in Hervey Bay
- Desire to leave a legacy business for the family
- Began his sourcing journey in May 2019
- Has been kicking massive goals in the last 7 months
- Approached an inventor / distributor who had designed an innovative product that solves a problem for anyone with a trailer
- They had large global orders (over 50,000 units per month from the US and Europe), so any cost savings on manufacturing would be substantial

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## Usual process to source imports

- Research Amazon, Jungle Scout, Merchant Words, Helium10 etc to see what's selling
- Research Alibaba to find a similar product
- Approach the supplier on Alibaba, or find a sourcing agent to identify a manufacturer (adding the cost of a middle-man)
- Many people try to "learn as you go" which is expensive and has a 95%+ failure rate to generate profit in the 1<sup>st</sup> year. They waste money on more ads, trying to get a poorly-chosen product to sell

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### Where to find Australian manufacturers Google search for suppliers in your industry and preferred

- location (e.g. Metal fabrication Melbourne)
- Visit Austrade.gov.au and search by industry or product
- Visit https://www.australianmanufacturing.com.au
- Contact the Chamber Of Commerce (Auscham)
- Go to trade shows and trade events that feature your product, similar products or similar industries
- A new resource for Australian producer/buyer match making: The Advanced Manufacturing Growth Center (this will be big) <u>https://www.amgc.org.au/</u>

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## What is a Perfect Match?

- 1. Values your business, is proactive and responsive
- 2. Has expert knowledge, experience and longevity
- 3. In the right industry, State and area
- 4. Right size and scale to support and grow with you
- 5. Suitable score on Steve's 29 point Supplier Selection Checklist

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### 1. Proactive and responsive

- Does your supplier respond promptly to emails or missed calls and answer all of your questions clearly?
- Does your supplier follow up if you don't reply back?
- Does your supplier explain their business in a way that you understand and highlight points critical to your product? (i.e. supply or material issues)

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# 3. Right industry, State and area

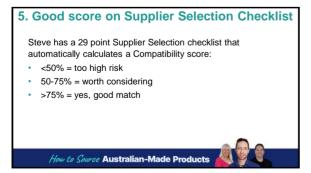
- Do local laws, regulations or trade agreements benefit you? (raw materials, labour and product)
- Is there any activity from the government to support the business? (tax law, grants, land subsidies as examples)
- Are they well located? (port, airport, raw materials suppliers)

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### **Distributor to Australian Government**

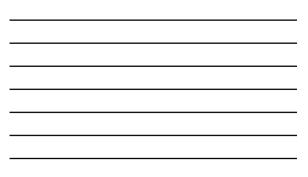
- Distributor had a contract to supply practice bullets to Australian Department of Defense
- Distributor's costs were \$7 per round for 50cal, and \$4 per round for 9mm
- I did a cost estimate and was able to improve the figures considerably

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### **Results**

- Initial costs were \$7 per round for 50cal, and \$4 per round for 9mm
- Using similar materials, product was about 2.5 times over-priced
- By changing materials and process, I was able to further reduce cost
   Overall result was an increased profit for the distributor of 150%, and
- a reduction in cost to the Department of Defence
- This produced a 6-figure income secured for 3 years based on delivery of first sample order
- · Required only 12 hours a month to deliver

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When negotiating with an Australian manufacturer, focus on "how we can work together to compete with foreign imports"

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Creating Value NOT Reducing Cost should be what sets the "Hard Limits" of your negotiation

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### **Negotiation Strategy – price**

- Approach the negotiation by discussing process and capability in order to assess if the manufacturer meets your production and design requirements
- 2. If they clear the Supplier Selection process, request a quote
- 3. Compare the quote to your Cost Estimate. Adjust your Cost Estimate if necessary, and identify any gaps
- 4. Meet with the manufacturing team sales, finance, operations and leadership to discuss the gaps and close them

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# **Negotiation Strategy – price**

 "Based on the information shared, and considering materials, labour and process costs we have a gap I'd like to close, I believe a fair price should be \$X. Can you please help me understand how you got \$Y"

Either:

- They can't explain it, and the price is then negotiable to \$X as estimated OR
- They explain it well (therefore adjusting the estimate) and you accept \$Y, in which case the product design becomes negotiable to keep the price at \$X
   Repeat the process until all gaps are closed \$X=\$Y

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# Negotiation Strategy – MOQ The best way to negotiate on MOQs is...to side-step it all together! 1. Once you've agreed a price, place a sample order, eg 5 pieces 2. Explain that you need to test and ensure they are the right partners for you. Also for you to take photos, make videos, and make sales 3. Use the samples to get your first order (eg 100 pieces) and place an order for "sales samples"

4. Continue selling, and order as needed

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### **Negotiation Preparation Sheet**

- I complete a Negotiation Preparation Sheet for every major negotiation I go into
- This has saved me millions of dollars over the last 22 years
- The components are:
- · Details of product, Cost Estimate, lead time requirement
- Names and positions of each decision-maker
- "Current affairs", eg economic factors affecting pricing
- · Topics to be covered at the meeting

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		riegono	tion Prep-Sheet		
				Date	e:DD/MM/Y
Product Name	linktoproduct.com		Supplier	XYZ Corporation	
			Primary Contact	Ben - 0123 444 555	
Cost Estimate:	\$Value		Meeting Attendees	Contact Info	Role
Lead time requirement:	Day/Month/Year	Time window	Ben	ben@xyzcorp.com	Finance
			Jane	jane@xyzcorp.com	Sales
Destination Port:	East Coast USA		Sally	sally@xyzcorp.com	Operation
			Robert	robert@xyzcorp.com	GM
Agenda:			Current Affairs:		
1) Factory Tour			- Gov. assistance for innovation now available		
2) Product Requirements	& Quality		- fire recovery still underway		
3) Delivery Requirements		- Dan Andrews to face vote of no confidence			
4) Material and currancy	adjustments				
5) 3rd Party relationship (hardware, logistics etc)		Rubber Materials Index	FX Rate Q3 2020		
totally 2 hrs			1.56p/kg (YCHARTS.com)	1USD = 1 40AUD	

# **Negotiation Preparation Sheet**

Also include:

- Must haves (Hard limits & mandatory product features)
- Nice-to-haves (Better lead times, more favorable payment terms)
- Sweeteners (things you can sacrifice if needed to get a better deal)

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Must Have Surface finish at hardness of X as tested with "Hardness test Process"	Nice to Have Labels and hardware passed through at cost - not a profit center	Can Sacrifice/Sweeten Lead time can be extended if order volume over 1000pcs Can provide hardness testing equipment and training to QA staff	
Delivery time equal to 100pcs a week for 6 months	Ship in bulk for local repackaging for reduced packaging cost		
Amortized tooling over 2500 parts	Label product as HS9876 customs duty 5% save	6 months with no QA issues triggers	
Currancy exchange fluctuation of 5% triggers pricing review	Technical support on call 24/7 through Dec sales period	automatic 6 month extension	
If quality of surface is out of spec in more than 10% over 6 months warrenty claim is triggered, cost of return to be covered by manufacturer	Efficiency improvement price adjustments -3% after 1 year		
Notes:			



