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Media Release

Skills, Small business and energy must be top of agenda for new government.

The National Electrical and Communications Association (NECA) congratulates the returning Prime Minister Scott Morrison and the Coalition government after a hard-fought election campaign.

Suresh Manickam, CEO of NECA, said:

“NECA and our 5,000 member organisations welcome the return of the Coalition government, and congratulate all MPs in the new parliament.

“The real work starts now, and we are looking forward to engaging with a stable Coalition government and Opposition to build a country for all Australians that rewards hard work, promotes economic growth and ensures we have the skills to compete in the 21st Century.

“This means recognising the importance of apprenticeships and continuing to invest in skills and training; supporting small business and ensuring they can compete on a level playing field with the big end of town; and providing a coherent energy policy that ensures reliable electricity supply while integrating clean and smart systems into the grid.

“The electrical contracting industry plays a critical role in the economy and people’s every day lives. It is important businesses are not restricted by endless red tape and regulation must be coordinated and fit for purpose.”

NECA represents the interests of the electrical and communications contracting industry across Australia. Its 5,000 member organisations and employ around 100,000 people. **-ENDS-**

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Notes for editors

1. *NECA is the peak industry body representing the interests of electrical and communications contractors Australia-wide.*
2. *Membership comprises over 5,000 contracting companies with over 50,000 employees.*
3. *NECA provides employment and ongoing skills development for over 4,000 apprentices Australia-wide.*
4. *The Australian Cablers Registration Service (ACRS) is a wholly owned and operated subsidiary of NECA.*
5. *Neca has a joint venture with NESS Super in NSW.*