

## **Aussie business matching service**

A NATIONAL database has been launched to better utilise the skills of all expatriate Australians, by providing a free business matching service.

[www.ExpatriateConnect.com](http://www.ExpatriateConnect.com) is an initiative of the Australian Institute for Commercialisation, an independent not-for-profit company, and is funded mainly by the Queensland government, with support from other states. The Southern Cross Group (advocacy and support group for the Aussie diaspora) is a founding partner.

Australian expats, and any individual with educational, personal or other ties to the country can participate by

registering themselves online, providing a secure profile of their expertise and qualifications. Businesses, entrepreneurs and researchers in Australia who want to commercialise ideas or enter foreign markets will be able to seek a match online.

At the launch, Nobel Laureate Professor Peter Doherty said that ExpatriateConnect was 'an exciting opportunity to create something that few, if any, other countries have attempted,' and he stressed that its success will depend on the participation of those in the diaspora. 'Every individual expat is an asset for Australia', he said. [www.expatriateconnect.com](http://www.expatriateconnect.com)