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The strength of its manufacturing industry is one of the yardsticks by which a nation measures its progress and in this respect Australia can count itself fortunate, for per capita we are one of the world's most highly industrialised countries.

Growing up beside the great primary industries which laid the first foundations of national development, the manufacturing industries have added a rich diversity to our society and have given invaluable balance to the economy.

The wide spread of employment which they give and the range and volume of their output make us less vulnerable to overseas market fluctuations than we used to be. A nation's strength and stability depend upon such things.

The Associated Chambers of Manufactures of Australia have had an effective hand in this growth, for they have not only sought to stimulate it, but to give it purpose and direction. I am pleased, therefore, on the occasion of your 60th birthday, to offer my congratulations on past achievements and to express good wishes for the future.

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CANBERRA,

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