

Capral Supports Aluminum Council in Addressing Risks from Proposed U.S. Tariff Hike

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On Saturday, 1 June 2025 U.S. President Donald Trump announced via social media that he would increase tariffs on steel and aluminium imports into the US from 25% to 50%, effective 4 June. While Capral Aluminium does not export aluminium to the United States, we are concerned about the potential ripple effects of this proposed increase on global trade dynamics.

“Capral does not export aluminium to the United States; however, we are concerned about the broader implications of the recent tariff increase. Raising the U.S. aluminium tariff from 25% to 50% has the potential to significantly distort global trade flows and increase the risk of trade diversion, placing added pressure on open, efficient markets.

We support the Australian Aluminium Council’s call for a reaffirmation of the Government’s Statement of Expectations for the Anti-Dumping Commission, as well as the inclusion of bauxite, alumina and aluminium on Australia’s Critical Minerals list. These steps are essential to protect the competitiveness and resilience of the Australian aluminium industry amid heightened global uncertainty.”

– Tony Dragicevich, CEO, Capral Aluminium

Industry Context

The Australian Aluminium Council has issued a [media statement](#) in response to these measures. According to the Australian Aluminium Council:

- Aluminium is Australia’s top manufacturing export.
- The industry directly employs over 21,000 Australians and supports a further 55,000 jobs, predominantly in regional areas.
- The integrated aluminium value chain contributes approximately \$18 billion to the national GDP.
- Less than 10% of Australia’s 1.5 million tonnes of aluminium production is exported to the U.S. annually.
- Australia represents about 2.5% of U.S. aluminium imports by volume, with key competitors in the global market, including Canada, the Middle East, and China.

About Capral Aluminium

Capral is Australia’s largest vertically integrated aluminium supplier.

Capral has manufacturing and distribution facilities nationwide. Capral manufactures aluminium extrusions from 6 manufacturing locations across Australia. Capral also distributes aluminium rolled products and provides value-added solutions to key industries, including:

- Commercial and residential buildings
- Automotive and transport
- Defence and Marine
- Renewable energy and infrastructure
- Industrial and manufacturing sectors

Capral is committed to supporting the long-term competitiveness of Australian manufacturing and is a member of the Australian Made campaign.

Capral is an advocate for a free and fair, rules-based global trade environment.

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