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Dear Commissioners

Paul and Julie

Thank you for providing me with the recent opportunity to appear before you as well as provide the Productivity Commission with the ACT Government's submission in response to its Right to Repair Inquiry Draft Report.

The ACT Government commends the depth of analysis that the Productivity Commission has outlined in its draft report and some of its preliminary findings on reforms to enhance consumers' rights and overcome barriers to repairs.

In its submission (**attached**), the ACT Government would like to highlight some additional issues for the Productivity Commission's consideration as part of its final report deliberations.

These include:

- identifying ways for Australian-based regulators to develop appropriate and reasonably accurate durability standards for products manufactured overseas;
- a cost benefit analysis of the impacts of a positive obligation on manufacturers and how such a reform might adversely impact vulnerable consumers such as those from a lower socio-economic background and across key sectors of essential goods;
- impacts to all types of enterprises working in the digital industry arising from reforms to intellectual property protections, noting this is one of the ACT's largest and expanding industries; and

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- approaching the issue of product obsolescence from the cost to governments of managing increasing amounts of waste being generated as a result of increased consumption and the impact that better exercising of consumers' rights (including the right to repair) might have in both fostering a circular economy and reducing waste management costs.

I thank the Productivity Commission for this opportunity and look forward to seeing its Final Report later this year.

Yours sincerely

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