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To: Automotive Industry Inquiry
Productivity Commission

From: L F Littleddyke

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Subject: Review Of Post 2005 Assistance Arrangements For The Australia Automotive Industry

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The purpose of this fax is to advise that Trico Products Pty Limited, a member of FAPM, fully supports the FAPM submission to the Productivity Commission concerning Post 2005 Assistance Arrangements for the Australian Automotive Industry.

Trico Products is located in Springvale, Victoria and is Australia's only manufacturer of original equipment windscreen wiper arms and blades for the nation's passenger vehicle industry.

As well, Trico is also an important supplier of wiper linkages to these companies and holds a substantial share of the Australian replacement market for wiper blades, arms and screencare accessories.

Manufacturers installing Trico equipment include: Ford, Holden, Mitsubishi and Toyota.

Trico also is a supplier to Australian truck, bus and coach manufacturers and a variety of builders of trams, trains, tractors, tugs and container cranes.

Trico Products employs 230 people and has a turnover of A\$41 million. Supply to local OEM car builders represents 54% of turnover and exports a further 23%.

We are currently the beneficiary of ACIS funds and support the continuing availability of these funds past 2005 as without these funds the viability of Trico Products as a manufacturer of automotive components in Australia would come under question.

We trust you are able to support the FAPM submission on behalf of the automotive component manufacturers in Australia.

Yours faithfully,

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