

Australian Dairy Industry Council Inc.

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Dr. Neil Byron
Presiding Commissioner
Productivity Commission
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Dear Dr. Byron

**Re: Inquiry into International Liner Cargo Shipping: A Review of
Part X of the Trade Practices Act 1974**

The Australian Dairy Industry Council (ADIC), on behalf of members of the Australian Dairy Products Federation (ADPF), supports the preliminary conclusions published by the Commission on this matter on 29th June, 1999.

Our members account for almost \$2 billion of exports — about half of which has in the recent past been shipped in conference liners. We believe that the Commission is correct in its conclusion that Part X provides necessary and effective means for ensuring that the competition exemptions provided for Liner Conferences enhance market transparency and efficiency. We share the Commission's view that the alternative means of achieving this control would not be as efficient as the approach taken in Part X of the Trade Practices Act.

When our members have had an opportunity to review the full preliminary assessment we may seek to offer further comment at the public hearings in July.

Yours sincerely,

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Chief Executive Officer

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