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Productivity Commission Review of Regulatory Burdens on Business - Manufacturing and Distributive Trades

Dear [...]

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in the recent round table discussion in Canberra. I found the opportunity provided valuable.

I would like to register the support of the three associations that I manage to the recommendations on food regulations detailed in your Draft Research Report.

The Beverages Council, ABWI and AFJA have all noted that the recommendations do not necessarily go as far as we would like, especially with regards to reducing the ability of some jurisdictions to create obstacles in the processing of standards variation applications. We do however appreciate that the reality of regulatory reform in a Federation such as Australia places limit on what is feasible, irrespective of its desirability.

We commend the Commission on the work undertaken so far.

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