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Impact of Competition Policy Reforms Inquiry
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Dear Sir

I have only become aware of your inquiry and not submissions were to be in by 6th Nov 1998.

However in the hope that even late submissions may be taken into account I will detail below my personal experience with Hilmer and his sick theory.

One of my family was a Telstra technician in a Provincial Town, part of a 4 man crew. All were highly trained having done ongoing courses to keep them up to date with new equipment and new technology.

The duties of these four officers were to maintain all A.B.C. Television and Radio transmission equipment. This work had been carried out by Telstra from the installation of this equipment.

Because of Hilmer's destructive theory the A.B.C. was forced to call tenders for the service.

The contract was won by a New Zealand firm who offered the 4 technicians a job with reduced conditions and I understand at a salary approx \$10,000 per annum less than they were earning.

They all rejected the offer and this New Zealand company then sub contracted the service to Channel 7.

To my knowledge only one technician has found employment.

This incident is almost a parallel with the Brisbane City Council's being forced to call tenders for city lawn mowing. Again a small New Zealand municipal Council secured the contract. How crazy is Australia becoming?

If you people do your job you will call tenders for a Competition Commission and also call tenders around the world for parliamentarians who may be prepared to work for considerably less than our present lot.

This may sound ridiculous but is the logical extension of the unfortunate Hilmer's theory.

Yours faithfully

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