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**NON CONFIDENTIAL SUBMISSION**  
**REVIEW OF AUSTRALIA'S GENERAL TARIFF ARRANGEMENTS**

To: Productivity Commission

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Hunter Douglas Ltd (HD) core activities include both Aluminium and Steel inputs for manufacture of window and architectural products. HD also have significant investment in the weaving and coating of various fabrics within the textile sector.

HD would like to propose to the Commission the following:-

1. The general rate of 5% should remain as assistance for local manufacturers for as long as Australia moves to free trade in 2010.
2. The Commercial Tariff Concession System (CTCS) should be retained in respect of goods not produced in Australia.
3. CTCS rates of duty should be zero and the rationale for such is obvious.
4. Whilst this review is not inclusive of TCF "items", the Commission is requested to consider if a mechanism can be introduced to prevent the erosion of Tariff Assistance now provided the TCF Sector by "Tariff Classification" to non TCF "items".

HD believes that anomalies already exist and as a local TCF manufacturer with further planned investment, HD would like the comfort of knowing that any new product line "receives" the designated level of assistance.