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Review of General Tariff Arrangements
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**Inquiry into - REVIEW OF AUSTRALIA'S GENERAL TARIFF
 ARRANGEMENTS**

Attached is 'Draft Report Registration Form' duly completed by Uniweld Engineering.

We wish to also make the following comments regarding the effect reducing the 5% tariff to zero would have on our industry.

Uniweld is a manufacturer of metal components for the trucking industry. Over a period of 25 years we have grown from a small to medium size business employing 35 people.

We believe in locally manufactured products – proud of our business relationship with Kenworth Trucks and the competitive nature in which we work with them – proud to be Australian – proud to be in business working towards a positive future for the next generation.

Kenworth Trucks as have a majority of their key suppliers installed state of the art CNC manufacturing plant and equipment so as to remain competitive world wide.

Kenworth is committed to producing a locally manufactured truck unique to Australia's climate and conditions. Kenworth is committed to the Australian truck market and need to have some level of protection from imported trucks versus our Australian made product.

If the 5% tariff on imported trucks is reduced to zero what sort of protection will there be for our locally manufactured truck industry – is the future Kenworth who produces a vehicle unique to Australia's vast conditions going to be taken away by the reduction of this 5% tariff - will there be reduced employment in the future because of the tariff reduction – have you really thought about who it will affect – the future of the people we employ?

Uniweld says loud and clear – RETAIN TARIFF PROTECTION, PROTECT OUR TRUCKING INDUSTRY AND OUR FUTURE.

Eugene R. Rose
 Managing Director.