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Review of Australia's General Tariff Arrangements, Productivity Commission, P.O. Box 80, Belconnen ACT 2606

Dear Commissioners,

RE: Public Hearing Wednesday, 28th June 2000

Elsum Engineering (Aust) Pty Ltd is a manufacturing company located in Bayswater, Victoria, employing 30 local people. The company was established in the 1970's to service the domestic heavy vehicle industry and continues to do so to date.

We have invested many millions of dollars to bring all areas of our operations to internationally acknowledged standards.

In our opinion the proposed lowering of tariffs if enacted would cripple the industry and send many local businesses broke.

Accordingly we submit that instead of reducing tariffs, that these should in fact be increased to the same level of those countries that import into Australia thus creating "a level playing field", stimulating exports and saving the livelihoods of hundreds of Australian Families.

Your \$ Faithfully

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