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The Secretary
Productivity Commission
PO Box 80
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Dear Sir,

**Draft Report: Review of Australia's
General Tariff Arrangements**

Thank you for forwarding a copy of the abovementioned report for comment by interested parties.

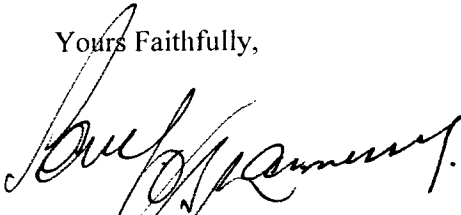
As you are aware, the Independent Paper Group (IPG) put forward an initial submission essentially calling for a further reduction/s in tariff to zero sometime between 2001 and 2005. Such a reduction would eliminate the need for administration of associated complex by-law and tariff concession arrangements. In any event, we sought the elimination of the 3% concessional tariff applying to industrial TCO goods at the earliest.

The Commission's draft report findings and recommendations are generally in line with the above IPG views and we urge that the draft recommendations be confirmed in the final report to Government.

In view of the above, we do not believe it necessary to present our brief views at the Draft Report Hearings.

Thank you once again for forwarding a copy of the draft and we look forward to receiving a copy or copies of the Commissions' final report.

Yours Faithfully,



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