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Senate Education and Employment Committees  
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Dear Committee Secretary,

Re: Inquiry into the Governments Approach to Re-establishing the Australian Building and Construction Commission.

The Australian Manufacturing Workers' Union (AMWU) seeks to make the following statement to the Committee for its Inquiry into the Governments approach to re-establishing the Australian Building and Construction Commission.

The AMWU continues to oppose the passage of the Building and Construction Industry (Improving Productivity) Bill 2013 and related Bills because they would create an unfair separate tier of workplace rights for a targeted set of employees in the economy.

The AMWU continues to rely on its previous submissions to the Senate Standing Committee inquiry into the Building and Construction Industry (Improving Productivity) Bill 2013 and Building and Construction Industry (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2013 from November 2013.<sup>1</sup>

The AMWU also continues to rely on submissions made by the Combined Construction Unions to Senate Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee inquiry into the Building and Construction Industry Improvement Amendment (Transition to Fair Work) Bill 2011 and the attachments to that submission.<sup>2</sup>

As an affiliate of the Australian Council of Trade Unions' submissions (ACTU), these submissions are in addition to and wholly supportive of the ACTU's previous submissions on the legislation. The AMWU understands the ACTU is making further submissions to this inquiry on behalf of affiliates.

Should you have any queries or require any further information please contact Michael Nguyen in the first instance on (02) 8868 1500.

Yours sincerely

**PAUL BASTIAN**  
**NATIONAL SECRETARY**

<sup>1</sup> Submission number 14 available from the Committee website here:  
[http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Committees/Senate/Education\\_and\\_Employment/ABCC\\_2013/Submissions](http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate/Education_and_Employment/ABCC_2013/Submissions)

<sup>2</sup> Submission number 18 available from the Committee website here:  
[http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Committees/Senate/Education\\_Employment\\_and\\_Workplace\\_Relations/Completed\\_inquiries/2008-10/abcc/submissions](http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate/Education_Employment_and_Workplace_Relations/Completed_inquiries/2008-10/abcc/submissions)