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Mr Grant Harrison Secretary Joint Standing Committee on Treaties Parliament House Canberra ACT 2600

Re: Inquiry into Australia's Relationship with the World Trade Organisation

Dear Mr Harrison

The Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ACCI) welcomes this opportunity to make a submission to the Joint Standing Committee on Treaties for its Inquiry into Australia's Relationship with the World Trade Organisation.

Commerce and industry continues to be a strong supporter, in both domestic and international fora, of the multilateral, rules-based, trading system operating in the form of the World Trade Organisation.

Attached for the consideration of the Committee is our submission for its current inquiry.

Should the Committee wish to discuss any of the issues raised in our submission, or otherwise being examined in their Inquiry, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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