Customs Amendment (Preventing Child Labour) Bill 2023 Submission 10 - ALDI response to adverse comment



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Via email: legcon.sen@aph.gov.au

Dear Ms. Dunstone,

Thank you for your letter addressed to ALDI Chief Executive Officer, Anna McGrath, dated 3 April 2024 regarding the submission provided by The SlaveCheck Foundation as part of the Inquiry into the Customs Amendment (Preventing Child Labour) Bill 2023. I am the Director of National Sustainability at ALDI Australia and Anna has asked me to respond on her behalf.

As a global retailer and Australia's third largest supermarket, we recognise our far-reaching impact and our responsibility to act ethically across our supply chains. Each year ALDI Australia publishes our Modern Slavery Statement, explaining our steps to prevent modern slavery in our business and supply chains. Our latest Statement is available on our website and linked here. As part of the ALDI SOUTH Group, our commitments to mitigate modern slavery risks are further set out in our International Policy on Forced Labour.

Our partnerships and collaboration with our supplier and industry partners are integral to how we safeguard and improve the rights and conditions of workers across our supply chains. Thank you for bringing this matter to our attention.

Yours sincerely,

Daniel Baker

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