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Committee Secretary
Senate Education and Employment Committees
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Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

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Dear Committee Secretary

Re: Building and Construction Industry (Improving Productivity) Bill 2013

The National Union of Workers (**NUW**) supports the submissions of the Australian Council of Trade Unions (**ACTU**) in relation to the Bill.

The NUW has broad and diverse membership. This includes workers involved in the manufacture and distribution of building materials and workers involved in the distribution of products (including building materials) by third party logistics companies (for example, Toll, Linfox and DHL).

The NUW is concerned that the Bill is imprecisely drafted and strongly supports the submissions of the ACTU that it needs to be redrafted so as to reflect legislative intention. The government has never provided any reason for why the scope of the Bill should be extended to cover employees such as those who are members of the NUW.

Yours faithfully

CHARLIE DONNELLY GENERAL SECRETARY

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