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## Submission Customs Amendment (Banning Goods Produced By Uyghur Forced Labour) Bill 2020

To: Secretariat  
Senate Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee

Dear Chair and members

We thank the Committee for the opportunity to make this submission on the above Bill.

We agree with the thrust of the Bill, and we call for its extension.

We also call for further and comprehensive actions, well beyond this Bill. In brief, we argue that appeasing China (also called reset, "a little respect",..) is not sustainable. Instead, Australia should - by itself and in concert with like-minded nations: (i) Take some reciprocal actions, (ii) Be more ready to override corporate interests when they conflict with the national interest, and (iii) Be willing to have China-specific laws. As part of this comprehensive national plan, we also advocate for a future review of scientific collaboration because China weaponises such collaboration, and because of a lesson from 2008, detailed in Appendix 1: Chinese virologists found a way for coronaviruses to infect humans - with Australia's inadvertent help.

We support section 50A in whole. And we support the following extensions

- A. Covering forced labour not just Uyghurs, that is, paragraph (b) should include prisoners and detainees regardless of ethnicity;
- B. Putting the onus of proof on importers, that is, interpreting section 50A as importers bearing the onus to show regulators that no forced labour is involved in their supply chain;
- C. Applying to the whole supply chain. For example, if a car part is made using forced labour then a car using that part is covered in this Bill;













