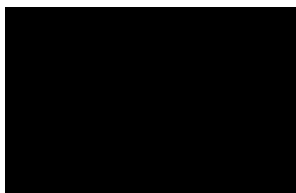


We are the owner of two innovation patents (numbers AU 2014101175 and AU 2013101478) which cover our water heating system and equal access barbeque products. In this regard, innovation patents have been a critical part of our business strategy because we are able to obtain rapid patent protection to prevent our competitors from copying our products.

We believe that if the innovation patent system is removed, strategies for protecting our innovations will be diminished. To be clear, without the benefits that innovation patents provide, we will be less likely to invest the time and money required for developing our own IP in Australia.

We therefore urge Parliament not to pass this Bill.

Yours sincerely,



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