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Joint Standing Committee on Treaties
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Dear Ms Ducker

Australia's Accession to the Convention on Choice of Court Agreements

I provide below a submission from the Victorian Department of Justice and Regulation to the Joint Standing Committee on Treaties supporting Australia's accession to the Convention on Choice of Court Agreements.

The Victorian Department of Justice and Regulation supports Australia's accession to the Convention on Choice of Court Agreements (Convention). Entering into the Convention is consistent with Victoria's provision of high quality commercial litigation and arbitration services. Acceding to the Convention would provide international businesses with certainty that their choice of court in an agreement will be upheld by Australian courts. The Convention will promote greater legal certainty for cross border business, and create a climate more favourable to international trade and investment.

The departmental contact person for this matter is Stephen Lodge, Assistant Director, Dispute Resolution, who is contactable on (03) 8684 0080 or at stephen.lodge@justice.vic.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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