

This is a desperate note in the hope you can help me? Ive been chatting to Greg Cutbush at ANU and he forwarded this email address. I'm a victim of Customs Dumping Fee. In brief; Before I ordered any Aluminium from China I asked Customs were there any special fees or charges or maybe "protectionism" that I should know about. I was told none! So I ordered and the container arrived at Fremantle. Then our forwarders (ive been importing Hobby products from China for 8yrs) sent a "undertaking" that I would pay this "dumping fee" or I couldn't have my container of Aluminium! After much confusion I was told the cost was approx \$6500 and this was on Extrusions only not Tread Plate. I was also told I probably would not have to pay this amount anyway. As I understand it the "dumping fee" is if I was able to get a special discounted price for the Aluminium, which I did not! Recently I asked the Aluminium factory to state that I was not given any special price on their letterhead. I now have that. Its absolutely ridiculous that a supplier in Australia is crying because overseas can supply at a much cheaper price! Nearly everything for sale in Australia comes from China ,certainly the other products I bring in. If i'm to be victimized like this then I demand everything else that comes into this country must be charged the same way. It seems there is a bit of a scam happening here. Holden and Ford would love these charges on the vehicles that come from other countries instead of Australians buying Australian made. Any help you can offer would be appreciated   Regards Terry Haines