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Ms Gillian Gould
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Joint Standing Committee on Treaties
Department of House of Representatives
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Ms Gould

I refer to the letter, dated 15 March 2005, from the Chair of the Joint Standing Committee on Treaties to the Premier of Western Australia regarding the treaty, *Singapore-Australia Free Trade Agreement Amendments*, which was tabled in the Commonwealth Parliament on 15 March 2005. The following brief comments are submitted for the consideration of the Committee.

- (i) That two further Australian universities have been given recognition for their law degrees and, in particular, Murdoch University, is welcomed.
- (ii) With respect to the annex on food standards under chapter 5, although this is not strictly a free trade agreement issue, there is some concern of a negative impact on Western Australian food suppliers if cheaply produced food products were exported to Australia to take advantage of reduced freight rates for chiller containers returning to Perth.

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission to the Committee's inquiry.

Yours sincerely

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