

Inquiry into Trade Practices Legislation Amendment Bill 2008

On 26 June 2008, the Senate referred the Trade Practices Legislation Amendment Bill 2008 to the Senate Standing Committee on Economics for report by 27 August 2008.

This bill enhances the prohibitions against anticompetitive unilateral conduct such as predatory pricing. It also requires the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission to have a deputy chair with knowledge of small business, repeals the thresholds for unconscionable conduct cases and clarifies the Commission's information gathering powers.

The Committee invites written submissions which should be sent to:

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The closing date for submissions is **Monday, 21 July 2008**. If you need an extension of time to make a submission, please contact the committee secretariat.

The Committee requests that where possible, submissions should also be provided by email to economics.sen@aph.gov.au preferably as MS Word or RTF format documents. Notes to assist in preparing submissions are available from the website http://www.aph.gov.au/senate/committee/wit_sub/index.htm or telephone the Secretariat on 02 6277 3540, fax: 02 6277 5719, or e-mail at the above address.

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