

10<sup>th</sup> April 2006

Submission Customs Act Amendment

Dear Senate Committee



I would like to address 2 Items on the Bill

1, the Accredited Client Program doesn't seem worthwhile, good have to be assessed by AQIS for commodity concerns, and unless we are going to cut corners on this issue, can only be done correctly via Commodity concerns raised by the ICS system. This is not a matter to be taken lightly and doesn't want to be a case of "shut the gate the Khapra beetle has bolted".

The Large German & US courier companies have benefited very well from the SAC system and I see no reason to loosen our borders any further.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Item would Fall under "amongst other things"

I am currently trying to gain a Customs Brokers License, I have passed the nominated TAFE Course and have worked continuously in the Industry for 26 years. At the moment we have to pass an exam set by the CBFCA , The Exam is not released , and as a result can't be challenged , the Questions are often irrelevant over complicated and not representative of the day to day work of a Customs Broker . I feel the Exam should be set and run by The Customs Department or TAFE , Rather than the Current system.

Thank you for your consideration

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Michael D Cupitt