Export Market Development Grants Legislation Amendment Bill 2020 [provisions] Submission 14

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To whom it may concern,

I'm the founder of a business that exports Australian designed goods around the world. We will be negatively affected by the proposed changes to the Export Marketing Development Grant. We ask that public hearings be held, so that the effect on our future export endeavours can be properly assessed.

It is madness that RRAT would consider stripping Australian exporters of the only financial assistance the Federal Government provides small businesses like ours. The established business conditions are laughable, could only make sense to a bureaucrat and would make bedroom start ups like Atlassian ineligible.

We already have to compete with large multinational businesses that pay no tax in Australia and get huge grants from our government for destroying our habitats and spewing toxic chemicals into our environment. Can you blame Australian business owners for thinking that all the Feds care about is their political donators and not the survival of the emerging businesses that actually bring revenue into this country?

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