Manufacturers' Trade Alliance*

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Dear Secretary,

Submission to the Senate Economics Legislation Committee – *Customs Amendment (Anti-Dumping Measures) Bill 2017*

Please find attached a submission by the Manufacturers' Trade Alliance ("MTA") to the Senate Economics Legislation Committee inquiry into *Customs Amendment (Anti-Dumping Measures) Bill 2017*. The MTA includes the following member companies (with contact details):

Company	Key Contact	Position	Email Contact detail
Orica Australia Pty Ltd	Mr. Malcolm Hart	AN Product Manager	
Bisalloy Steel Group Limited	Mr. Michael Sampson	Sales and Marketing Manager	
Cement Industry Federation	Ms. Margie Thomson	Chief Executive	
Australian Paper	Mr. Matt Decarne	Planning & Development Manager	
Dried Fruits Australia	Mr. Phil Chidgzey	General Manager	
CSBP Pty Ltd	Mr. Gerard Chan	Commercial Manager-Ammonium Nitrate	
Liberty Onesteel	Mr. Matt Condon	Manager-Trade Measures	
BlueScope Steel	Mr. Alan Gibbs	International Trade Affairs Manager	
John O'Connor and Assoc	Mr. John O'Connor	Director	
Capral	Mr. Luke Hawkins	General Manager - Supply and Industrial Solutions	
Qenos	Mr. Stephen Bell	Chief Executive Officer	
Nexans Olex	Mr. Michael Crocker-Kloet	General Manager Operations	
Wilsons Transformer Company	Mr. Robert Wilson	Executive Chairman	
Norskeskog	Mr.Andrew McKean	Vice President Sales Marketing and Logistics	
Tindo Solar	Mr. Rob Sporne	General Manager	
Keppel Prince	Mr. Dan McKinna	Assistant General Manager	
Oliveri Sinks	Mr. Michael Watters	General Manager	
Chemistry Australia	Mr. Bernard Lee	Industry and Government Affairs Manager	
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Yours faithfully

Matt Condon	Malcolm Hart	Alan Gibbs	Robert Wilson	Luke Hawkins
Liberty Onesteel	<i>Orica</i>	BlueScope	Wilson Transformer Company	<i>Capral</i>

On behalf of the Manufacturers' Trade Alliance

^{*}The Manufacturers' Trade Alliance (MTA) is an informal group of Australian manufacturers and producers that have applied experience with the Australian Anti- Dumping system.

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The Manufacturers' Trade Alliance ("MTA") supports an anti-dumping and countervailing system that provides effective, sufficient and timely remedies to address dumping and subsidisation. We also note that WTO trade rules do not consider anti-dumping action to be an exception to these rules, nor a form of protectionism. We firmly believe that Australian manufacturers and producers have a right to expect that the conditions of competition will be those that result from natural competitive advantages and that they will not be exposed – unilaterally – to injurious dumping and subsidisation.

Based on MTA members' practical experience over many years within Australia's Anti-dumping system we welcome the recently introduced *Customs Amendment (Anti-Dumping Measures) Bill 2017*.

Some of the MTA members have expressed deep concerns relating to the unintended consequences of the current provisions within *Division 5 – Review of anti-dumping measures* of Australia's anti-dumping legislation that has allowed a number of importers to recommence dumping into the Australian market by exploiting the current review of measures process that operates within Australia's prospective dumping duty collection system

The MTA endorse the current Bill before the parliament, as we believe this will reduce the incidence of exporters and importers exploiting Australia's anti-dumping system and restore confidence among manufacturers of its effectiveness.

The MTA supports this Bill as proposed, and recommends that the Senate support the passage of this legislation without amendment.