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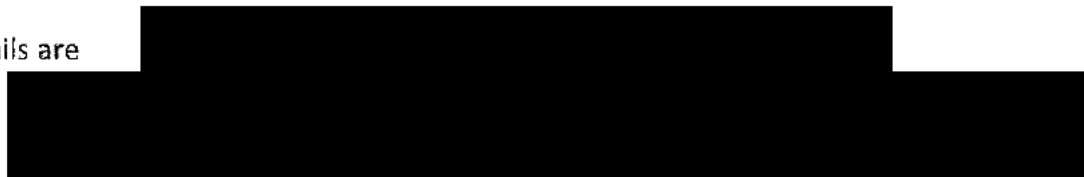
Growing presence of inauthentic Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander 'style' art and craft
products and merchandise for sale across Australia

Dear Committee Secretary

My name is *Margaret Opi*

I am a supporter of ethical trade in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art.

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This is my submission to the inquiry.

Yours sincerely



Date:

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I believe that sale of goods with Aboriginal designs and motifs should be restricted to those produced or authorized by acknowledged Aboriginal artists. The sale of cheap mass-produced items, ^{from overseas,} copying Aboriginal designs reduces the opportunities for authentic Aboriginal artists desiring to make a living in a competitive field, as well as lessening the cultural value of their efforts.

