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To Whom It May Concern:

Please see below the key points Empire Rose would like the inquiry into the Textile, Clothing and Footwear Strategic Investment Program Amendment Bill 2009:

- Abolish tariffs that prop up poor businesses.
- Instigate schemes that really teach businesses to be smarter about how they operate so then they can compete on a global scale.
- Promote and support industry collaboration and cohesion by funding structured programs eg. Industry Clusters using existing organisations to bring firms together to educate them on business practice and pool resources to achieve goals (eg combined trade show participation, combined offshore representation etc.)
- Set up tighter controls on how funding is used to prevent it from being used for the wrong purposes (eg SIP funding used to purchase property instead of using it to improve businesses, keep jobs and maintain some quality domestic manufacture).
- Increase the effort made to reach over to Western Australia and other remote areas.

Sincerely

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